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THE MILLION POUNDS FRAUD.

CASE WON BY BANK OF PORTUGAL.

LOSSES ASSESSED AT £531,851.

WATERLOWS VICTIMS OF AMAZING COUP.

EXECUTION STAY.

The first stage of the sensational action in which the Bank of Portugal claims £1,156,613 from Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., printers, has come to an end after a protracted hearing, a Reuter message stating that Mr. Justice Wright gave judgment in the King's Bench Division yesterday in favour of the Bank of Portugal for £531,851.

The action is a sequel to an amazingly bold coup by an international swindler named Marang, and his associates in crime, but the case is not finally settled. Reuter adding that Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C. representing Messrs. Waterlow, has raised legal arguments, which the Judge has decided to hear next term.

Mr. Justice Wright, therefore, deferred entering judgment. Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C. in opening the case for the Bank, said that the claim arose out of the fact that, in 1925, Messrs. Waterlow and Sons printed a large quantity of Bank of Portugal notes without any authority from the bank. Those banknotes were circulated and a large number of them were met. It was in respect of the money paid against those notes that the bank made their claim.

Bank's Power to Issue Notes.
The Banco de Portugal had from the Portuguese Government the exclusive right of issuing banknotes for circulation in Portugal, Azores, and Madeira. Another bank, the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, had an exclusive right to issue notes for circulation in Portuguese colonies.

In 1922 Messrs. Waterlow and Sons were employed by the bank to print a large quantity of banknotes. They were called "Vasco da Gama" notes, because they had a portrait of Vasco da Gama, the circumnavigator, in the left-hand corner.

"On December 4, 1924," said Mr. Bevan, "there appeared, out of the blue, a gentleman who has been known as Marang, although he had a longer name which was more difficult to pronounce. He came to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons with a letter of introduction from a Dutch printer with whom, apparently, Messrs. Waterlow and Sons had a slight acquaintance.

Forgers and Sharps.
Mr. Marang saw Sir William Waterlow, who was at that time chairman of the defendant company. He told a story which, on the mere statement of it, we submit, was an incredible story, and he produced documents then and later all, or most of which not only invited suspicion but shouted for it.

"It now transpires that he was one of a gang of international forgers and 'sharps' who had hatched a plot which was so full of leaks and holes that it is amazing that it met with the success which it did. In substance, the story he told was this: 'The finances of the Portuguese Colony of Angola, he said, are very low. A Dutch group of financiers are going to the rescue of the Government. Here are two contracts and a power of attorney.'

Impudent Forgeries.
"One contract, which was purported to be made between the Governor of Angola and a Mr. Reis, acting on behalf of a Dutch syndicate, provided for the printing, by that syndicate, of notes to the face value of 100,000,000 escudos. The other contract purported to be between the Banco de Portugal and the Governor of Angola, and by it the bank (Continued on Page 8.)

BRITISH STEAMER CAPTURED.

FINE SHIP SAID TO BE RUM RUNNER.

GUNFIRE DAMAGE.

New York, Dec. 18.
An international situation may result from the capture of the latest and most magnificent British rum runner to fall foul of the United States coast guard.

The cutter Cartigan fired three shots to-day at the British steamer Ananias, oil-burning vessel whose lines resembled those of naval destroyers, which are among the fastest vessels afloat.

The vessel was struck and damaged by the fired, and hove to to submit to search.

Coast guardsmen boarded the Ananias and arrested Captain McKenna and his crew of Newfoundlanders on charges of violating the American prohibition laws. Eleven members of the crew were taken in custody.

Coast guardsmen declared that their prize was equipped with every modern nautical device known, and was by far the handsomest ship which they have seen in the illicit rum trade.

Coast guardsmen said they were entirely in their authority in firing upon the vessel, as she was inside the 12-mile limit as specified in the gentlemen's agreement between Britain and America.

Captain McKenna and his men will be brought here to face formal charges in United States district court.

Coast guardsmen said that the British vessel, because of her speed, probably could have operated for a long time without being apprehended save for chance circumstances which brought the patrol boat upon her in firing range before she could make her getaway.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. EXTENSION.

WORK BEGUN ON KOWLOON BUILDING.

With the contract given out, and preparatory work already in hand by the contractors, the extension to the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, should be an accomplished fact in the near future. This will mean additional accommodation facilities, a swimming pool and a large entertainment lounge.

The extension is to consist of four floors to the height of the present building. In Salisbury Road, the first floor to be utilised as a swimming pool, the second floor as a large lounge for entertainment purposes, and the two remaining floors as living rooms.

The contractors are Messrs. Lam, Wop and Co., who erected the present building, and they have made an immediate start on the work.

DOCTOR'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE.

ATTACKED WITH KNIFE AND PEPPER.

A native doctor, named Pang Tim-hung, has related to the police an unusual experience with befel him last night, when, returning to his residence at No. 106, Nam-cheung Street, Shamshui, he was suddenly attacked whilst on the staircase by a man with a knife.

Receiving a cut in the forehead, the doctor closed in with his assailant, and succeeded in wrenching the weapon away. He was, however, not prepared for the change of tactics when his assailant drew out a package of pepper and threw the contents into his face.

Discomfited, the doctor was forced to flee his hold, and the man escaped. The knife was recovered and was handed over to the police.

Sixty-eight deaths from tuberculosis were reported in the Colony last week. There were also four cases of typhoid (two deaths) and two cases of diphtheria (one fatal).

ABANDONMENT OF PRETENCE OF NON-VIOLENCE.

INDIAN SITUATION WORSENS.

VICEROY'S COMMENTS UPON CONGRESS ACTS.

BENGAL TERRORISTS.

London, Dec. 22.
The increasing tendency of the Gandhi extremists towards the use of violence is the main note of the Government of India's review of the internal situation up to December 20, which mentions recent outbreaks in Bombay and Ahmedabad and a recrudescence of the terrorist movement in Bengal.

Acts of sabotage have occurred in the city of Bombay, followed by clashes with the police, which, together with other incidents, show that the resistance to the boycott on the part of the cloth dealers is being followed by an abandonment of the pretence of non-violence.

The increasing tendency towards the use of force is also shown by the methods employed in the vigorous no-tax campaign being pursued in the United Provinces.

Press Incitement.

The deterioration in the tone of the native press continues and a small section is giving direct or indirect incitement to crimes of violence.

There is nothing communal in the outrages reported. The causes appear to be economic, supplemented by the encouragement given to the spirit of lawlessness and fostered by the civil disobedience movement.

Women's Franchise.

Meanwhile the Indian Round Table Conference is continuing its work. In the franchise sub-committee to-day, speeches were delivered by Mrs. Subbarayan and Begum Shah Nawaz, who submitted a memorandum on the position of women under the proposed new Indian Constitution.

The speakers said it was vital that the Round Table Conference should itself define the future position of women as it would be hard to secure a proper examination of the question if postponed to future dates, after the Indian Constitution had been reformed and the claims of others to special consideration has been weighed and settled.

Present Discrepancy.

The present voting qualification, given on equal terms to men and women, and based mainly on property, produced in actual practice a very great discrepancy between them in voting power as the number of women holding property was small.

They hoped a franchise qualification would be accepted giving women their due weight in returning representatives to Legislative Bodies. They also felt strongly the necessity for special consideration of the question of seats for women in the Legislature. Even with a franchise which produced equal voting power with men they doubted whether at first a real equality of opportunity in the political arena would be produced owing to the force of convention and habit.

Special Allotment.

In view of the importance of the first years of India's new life, it was vital that the voice of women on the Legislatures should be heard, and they urged some special arrangements, allotting temporarily a small proportion of the seats to women. Later, it was agreed, when the public was no longer startled by the conception of women in public life and had learnt to appreciate their presence, such a provision should no longer be necessary. They further suggested that the principle that sex should be no disqualification for serving the country should be embodied in the constitution.

Basis of Franchise.

After a general discussion the franchise committee discussed the question of the number of votes in Provincial Legislatures (Continued on Page 7.)

BANK CRASH SENSATION.

BIG PHILADELPHIA FIRM CLOSED.

AND 19 BRANCHES

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.
The Bankers Trust Company of Philadelphia and its nineteen branches in this city was closed to-day by order of the State Secretary of Banking.

The bank is one of the most prominent financial institutions in Philadelphia, its assets totalling \$11,000,000.

The President of the company states that the closing is due to a "steady seepage" of deposits, due to withdrawals in the past few days.

The President added that the action had been taken in order to conserve the assets and for the protection of the deposits and stockholders. He declared that the bank is "solvent, but harassed by the withdrawal of deposits."

The police were summoned to the bank's premises and branches in case crowds gathered. Meanwhile measures are being taken to get the situation in hand. The Bank

MERAPI TRAGEDY.

DEATH-ROLL MOUNTS TO SEVEN HUNDRED.

NATIVES MAROONED.

Batavia, Dec. 22.
The death-roll resulting from the eruption of Merapi is now estimated at about seven hundred.

The volcano is still active and all villages in the danger zone have evacuated.

An army aeroplane flying over the stricken zone saw a group of seventy-five natives completely cut off. An attempt will be made to drop them food by parachute, together with promises of a speedy rescue.—Reuter.

had approximately 13,500 deposits, with deposits amounting to \$345,036,592.—Reuter's American Service.

More Failures.
New York, Dec. 22.
The closing of four more banking institutions is announced from Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and Indiana.

The most noteworthy is the failure of the City National Bank of Miami, with resources of \$37,000,000 and deposits of nearly \$36,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

WEIHAIWEI DISLIKES CUSTOMS.

TRADE OF PORT BEING AFFECTED.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
A delegation of Chinese merchants from Weihaiwei has arrived here and will give a reception to Chinese newspaper correspondents this evening.

The delegation is on its way to Nanking for the purpose of lodging a complaint regarding the establishment of the Maritime Customs at Weihaiwei, pointing out that the heavy taxation is seriously affecting the import and export trade.

BOBBY JONES KEPT BUSY.

TO GIVE BROADCAST TALKS WEEKLY.

Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 22.
Bobby Jones has confirmed that he has contracted to give twenty-six weekly broadcast talks on golf throughout the country on Wednesday evenings beginning on January 14.

He is extremely busy writing articles for newspapers, practising law and acting as bank director and vice-president of the local baseball club.—Reuter's American Service.

POLICE OFFICIAL SENTENCED.

SENIOR INTERPRETER AT CENTRAL.

MAGISTRATE DECLINES TO CONSIDER A FINE.

AN APPEAL POSSIBLE.

Sentence of two months' hard labour, with a stay pending appeal, was imposed by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on Li Tsan-pui, senior interpreter at Police Headquarters, who appeared on remand on a charge of having attempted to obtain from a licensed hawkker, a sum of \$30 by false pretences.

The alleged false pretence was that accused informed the hawkker that he was authorised by Police Sergeant Thorpe, officer in charge of the Hawkers' Department, to collect \$30 on the latter's behalf, and that the payment of this money would have the effect of influencing Sergeant Thorpe to show partiality towards him in the conduct of his business as a licensed hawkker.

He is alleged to have stated that it was through the help of Sergeant Thorpe that the hawkker had had his licence renewed.

Unconvincing Story.

His Worship giving judgment this morning, rejected defendant's story that the money was repayment of a loan, describing it as not unconvincing. Although he did not accept in its entirety the evidence of the hawkker, his Worship was convinced that defendant had attempted to obtain the \$30 by falsely pretending that he had been authorised to do so by Sergeant Thorpe.

In sentencing defendant to two months' hard labour his Worship said he bore in mind his long record of good service in the Police Department.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for defendant, asked his Worship to grant a stay of execution as he had received instructions to make the application with a view to appeal.

No Option.

Apart from the appeal, however, Mr. Lo asked his Worship to treat the defendant as a first offender and to give him the option of a fine.

Mr. Williams said he did not think he could do that. It was a serious offence. He mentioned that there had been a certain amount of trouble in the Hawkers' Department during recent years.

Mr. Lo pointed out that it was defendant's first offence in 19 years and he felt that a Magistrate in England would take that fact into consideration and would not send the prisoner to gaol. Sending him to prison would not do Society any good. He did not think the prosecution were pressing for imprisonment.

Police Attitude.

Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, who conducted the prosecution, said the offence was a very serious one. There had been a lot of trouble and corruption among native constables from time to time and the Police had to prevent it from reaching the senior interpreters.

The defendant had for years acted as interpreter for the Inspector General of Police and as such was considered the senior interpreter at Headquarters. The fact that the I.G.P. took a serious view of the case was shown by his decision to bring it before the Magistrate instead of simply dismissing the defendant, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, as he had power to do.

His Worship granted a stay of sentence and increased the bail from \$500 to \$750.

IMPROVING LATER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has spread southward and is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is: "In the North winds strong, overcast with drizzle; at night improving later."

INQUEST ON PETER WARLOCK.

JURY UNABLE TO CLEAR UP MYSTERY.

COMPOSER'S WORRIES.

London, Dec. 22.
At the inquest at Hammersmith on Peter Warlock, the well-known English composer, (whose proper name was Philip Heseltine), a pathologist testified that death was due to gas-poisoning.

Evidence was given by two composers, Van Dieren and Ireland. The former said he visited Warlock on the evening before his death and found him sober and normal.

Ireland expressed the opinion that Warlock was worried about his work with a young woman who had lived with him as his wife. Witness testified that she attended a dance on the night of Warlock's death and returned in the morning but was unable to gain admission. The couple had not previously quarrelled, but Warlock was worried, thinking himself a failure as a composer.

He had three days previously threatened to commit suicide. The deceased's mother testified that her son had long been separated from his wife. He wrote witness affectionately on November 16th, saying he would much rather visit her at any time but Christmas, which, for him, would be "a season of gloom and melancholy."

After evidence about the state of the gas-pipe in the flat where Warlock was found, the jury returned a verdict that they were unable to determine whether death was due to an accident or suicide.

The Coroner commented on the musical world's loss of a figure prominent both in composition and literature.—Reuter.

THIEVES RANSACK GODOWN.

GET AWAY WITH GOODS WORTH \$2,500.

The China Electric Company, of No. 12-14, Queen's Road Central, has suffered a big loss through theft of goods in their godown at 42, Lockhart Road, Wanchai.

The theft was discovered yesterday morning when the fact was made apparent that, profiting from the inactivity of the week-end, thieves had forced their way in by breaking the lock of the door.

They removed a considerable number of electric torch cases and unit cells, the whole being valued at over \$2,500.

A report has been made to the police by the Manager, Mr. S. G. Green.

DEATHS CAUSED BY LONDON FOG.

SEVEN LIVES LOST IN STREET ACCIDENTS.

London, Dec. 22.
A dense fog continues to envelope Central London and the southern suburbs.

Seven deaths are reported in street accidents. Road traffic has been severely affected and in some parts omnibuses and tram services were discontinued, while reduced suburban services were run on the railways.

Croydon aerodrome was out of service, but incoming air liners were able to land at Lympne.—British Wireless.

FOKI ROBBED BY FOOTPADS.

RELIEVED OF \$80 WHICH HE HAD COLLECTED.

Ip Fong, a foki employed by the Sam Woo firm of pig-dealers, 202, Portland Street, Yaumati, has reported to the police that he was robbed by footpads while out collecting money from various customers on the mainland yesterday.

Setting out from the shop at 6 o'clock in the evening, he said, he had collected about \$80 by the time he boarded a bus at Shamshui. As he got off at the Soy Street junction, he was surrounded by three men, who, on the pretence of carrying out a search, robbed him of his money.

WORLD CRISIS COULD BE ENDED IN A MONTH.

REMEDY IN HANDS OF BANKS.

SCATHING CRITICISM BY LORD D'ABERNON.

NEW YEAR HOPES.

Intelligent cooperation between the world's central banks would largely ameliorate the economic depression in a month, declares Lord D'Abernon, in the course of a discussion of the prospects of a brighter business New Year.

London, Dec. 22.
With the new year 1931 bringing with it a brighter dawn for British trade?

While many writers, noted economists and leaders of industry declare they see a gleam of hope, a contrary view is expressed by Mr. W. Lionel Hitchens, the chairman of Messrs. Cammell, Laird and Co., Ltd., the famous shipbuilders and one time member of the Egyptian Ministry of Finance, who declares that as long as most of the basic British industries' costs and prices are higher than those of their foreign rivals, British foreign trade (on which she mainly depends) will continue to dwindle.

"Until," he says, "like Australia, we suddenly become awake to the fact that our exports are insufficient to pay for our necessary imports."

Cotton Trade Fears.

Mr. Andrew Nesmith, the general secretary of the Amalgamated Weavers Association, declared to-day that the cotton industry has definitely contracted (presumably referring to the rationalisation proposals) never again to find employment for the same number of operatives.

Viscount D'Abernon, former Ambassador in Berlin, and head of the British Economic Mission to the Argentine, describes the present economic crisis as the "most stupid and the most gratuitous in financial history."

He declares that the world depression continues with all the essential circumstances—except monetary wisdom—favouring an era of commercial prosperity.

Gold Falls.

The explanation of this anomaly is that the machinery for handling and distributing the product of labour has proved quite inadequate.... and the gold standard, which was adopted with a view to obtaining a stability in world prices, has failed in its main function.

Lord D'Abernon emphasises that gold, to provide stability, must be intelligently and skillfully handled.

"This has not been forthcoming in many countries and grave trouble has already occurred. Still graver troubles threaten, both economic and political."

Concentration on Credit.

He expresses the opinion that there will be no lasting remedy until attention is concentrated upon currency and credit.

He believes that joint action between the principal gold-using countries in the world would result in an immediate improvement in the situation.

"Appropriate decisions by the larger central banks could modify the world economic situation within a month."

Practically the same conclusions were reached by Sir Charles Addis, of the Bank of England, a few days ago, when he declared it to be the considered opinion of the Directors of the Bank of International Settlements that the world credit-structure was "threatened with collapse" unless the central banks devised, in concert, a means of restoring stability.

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LATE MR. A. J. J. BROCK. SCHOOL BOY KILLED.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Many expressions of deep sym-
pathy and respect were manifest
at the funeral of Mr. A. J. J. Brock,
of the Royal Naval Dockyard,
which took place at Happy Valley
cemetery yesterday afternoon. A
large number of colleagues, mem-
bers of the Philharmonic Society,
The United Service Lodge, No.
1341, and representatives of pub-
lic bodies, following the hearse
and attending the simple service
conducted by the Rev. H. F. Foley,
R.N., at the graveside.

Old colleagues from the Naval
Dockyard acted as pall-bearers.
They were Messrs. S. Clarke, H.
Budden, A. H. Oswick, J. Hollidge,
H. Annias and A. Stickland.

Mr. S. E. Alderman and Mr. F.
G. Goodman followed as chief
mourners. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L.
Shenton, President of the Hong-
kong Philharmonic Society, of
which the deceased was a promi-
nent member, was unable to be
present.

Others who gathered at the
graveside were: Messrs. D. M.
Richards, R. R. Davies, R. S. W.
Paterson and G. W. R. Griggs
(Hongkong Philharmonic Society),
Dr. Valentine, A. W. Grimmett,
F. H. Holdman, H. J. Best, H. E.
Hollands, R. Sourbutts, Inspector
J. Moss, Inspector Chester Wood, S.
Hamer, J. Bleckford, V. Chittenden,
R. R. Wood, and many others. Mrs.
Bleckford and Mrs. Hollidge were
also present.

In the rich profusion of floral
offerings were those from his
wife; mother, Gladys and Audrey;
the European Outside staff of the
Naval Stores Dept; members of
the Royal Naval Yard Police; offi-
cers and staff of the Chief En-
gineers Depot, Naval Yard;
O.C.W., and staff, Naval Dock-
yard; the Chief Constructor and
staff; the staff R.N.A. Depot;
Commander and Mrs. F. G. Hunt,
R.N., Naval Dockyard; Engineer-
Captain, H. B. Sears, R.N.; fellow
Chargehand, C.E. Dept; The Wor-
shipful Master, Warden and breth-
ren of United Service Lodge, No.
1341, E.C.; members of the
Hongkong Philharmonic Society;
Dockyard Recreation Club; Com-
modore and Mrs. A. H. Walker,
Mr. and Mrs. G. Gull, Fook Chee,
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wood, Mr. and
Mrs. H. D. White, The Profes-
sional Officers Society, B. Veliki,
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family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Griggs, Mr.
and Mrs. F. P. Sequeira, E. N.
Clibboun, L. Whant, R. R. Davies,
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bradbury and
family, Comptroller Department,
H.M. Naval Yard, Mr. and Mrs.
Chester Wood and family, Mr. and
Mrs. J. Hollidge, Mr. and Mrs. W. S.
Drake, G. H. Chambers, Agreement
Employees Association, Mr. and
Mrs. G. T. May, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Heywood Gelling, Mr. and Mrs.
H. Edmonds, Mrs. Jean Ground-
water, Office Staff of Expense
Accounts Dept. H.M. Naval Yard,
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V. Chittenden, W. Dryden, Gun
Mounting, Aloft, Kwok Moon,
Floss and Sid Alderman, Mr. and
Mrs. A. H. Oswick, Mr. and Mrs.
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ciation, F. H. W. Haynes, Kwok
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H. E. Budden and family, Mr. and
Mrs. J. W. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs.
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Mrs. G. Fowler, Sergt. Major and
Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. C.
Womack, Mr. and Mrs. A. M.
Bones Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C.
Dudley Bartlett, Andrew Tse, A.
D. Coplin.

MOTOR 'BUS ACCIDENT IN NATHAN ROAD.

The fatal motor 'bus accident in
Nathan Road, on December 3, in
which a school boy, Lau Kai-ching
(13), was the victim, was the sub-
ject of an inquiry by Mr. Butters,
sitting with a jury, at Kowloon
yesterday afternoon.

Dr. K. Utley deposed to the
nature of the injuries sustained by
the deceased, which were mainly to
the head. There were other
minor injuries to the hands and
legs. Death had been instantane-
ous.

U Tin-chi, a student of the Yau-
mat Government School, said that
he left school with the deceased
about 10.45 a.m. on December 3.
They crossed the road and were
walking along the pavement, when
the deceased, on seeing three
other boys running towards him,
also started to run across the road.
Witness caught hold of deceased
by his sleeve, but he broke away
and got on to the road, and was
knocked down by a Kowloon 'bus
coming from Mongkok. The de-
ceased fell down and the wheel of
the 'bus passed over him. The
'bus was travelling at an ordinary
speed. When the 'bus was stopped,
the deceased was lying under-
neath it.

Two other school boys also gave
corroborative evidence, though
one of them differed from the
others, in that the body was lying
about 12 feet behind the 'bus when
it was stopped. Both of them said
they did not hear the horn sound-
ed.

Passengers' Evidence.

Mr. J. M. Shroff, a passenger in
the 'bus, said that he saw three
or four boys running across the
road from the right hand side.
The first three got across but the
last boy was knocked down. The
'bus was travelling a little faster
than the normal speed. After
knocking the boy down, the 'bus
proceeded about thirty feet
before it stopped. The horn
was not sounded. He could not
say whether the driver applied the
brakes.

An Indian passenger differed
from the last witness, in that he
said the boy crossed from the
left hand side of the road. The
'bus was travelling at a normal
speed, and stopped about ten
yards after knocking the boy
down.

The driver, Chung Chun, said
that the deceased suddenly ran
out in front of the 'bus from the
left hand side of the road. Wit-
ness swerved to the right to avoid
the boy, but did not succeed. He
applied both the hand and foot
brakes. The 'bus was travelling
about twelve miles an hour. When
he first saw the boy he was only
about two feet in front of the
'bus. The boy was lying about
eight feet behind when he stop-
ped.

Traffic Sergeant Scrim said that
he tested the 'bus and found the
brakes and the steering wheel to
be in perfect working order.

The father of the boy and Sub-
Inspector Nicol gave evidence of
identification, after which the
jury brought in a verdict of
"death by misadventure."

THE NATIVITY.

PICTURESQUE TABLEAU BY GERMAN RESIDENTS.

Telling the story of the Nativity,
a picturesque old German play was
presented by the German com-
munity at the Cathedral Hall last
night. A simple little offering, it
is produced regularly at Christ-
mas time in German churches, but this
was the first occasion that the com-
munity here had attempted it.

Beginning with a procession of
the players through the hall, the
play briefly enacted the Nativity,
with both dialogue and singing in
German. Many of the choruses were

THE Y.M.C.A.

PROMINENT OFFICIAL VISITING THE ORIENT.

Visiting Shanghai for the
second time within the year, Col.
and Mrs. Gerald W. Birks, of Mon-
treal, Canada were guests of
honour at a dinner at the Shang-
hai Bankers Club, given under the
auspices of the National Com-
mittee of Y.M.C.A.'s of China.

Col. Birks is the Far Eastern
Administrative Representative of the
National Council of the
Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States
and Canada. He made his first
visit to this country in that offi-
cial capacity early this year. The
purpose of his re-visiting China at
this time is to bring himself up to
date on the rapidly changing con-
ditions in this country and to dis-
cuss with leaders of the Y.M.C.A.
Movement here the ways and
means of strengthening the tie and
furthering the co-operation be-
tween the two sister movements
on both sides of the Pacific.

In the course of his brief
speech which followed the dinner,
he expressed his great satisfaction
over the confident and hopeful at-
mosphere which he finds prevail-
ing, particularly in regard to the
future of the Y.M.C.A. Movement
in this country. He believes that
the Y.M.C.A. Movement in China
is now on the threshold of a new
era of service and contributions
toward the up-building of his
great nation. In fact, he observed,
the Y.M.C.A. Movement all over
the world is on the verge of a
great advance in its important
service to mankind. He especial-
ly took occasion to call the atten-
tion of those present, who includ-
ed several prominent Y.M.C.A.
leaders in the city, to the import-
ance and significance of the World
Conferences of Y.M.C.A.'s which
are to be held in Canada and the
United States in the summer of
1931. To these conferences he
urged that China should send the
strongest possible delegation of
both lay and secretarial leaders.

Col. Birks is a member of the
firm of Henry Birks and Sons,
wholesale and retail jewellers of
Canada, with their factory and
head office in Montreal and
branches in the principal cities of
Canada. As a business man, he
has taken a leading part in the
activities of the Chambers of
Commerce of Montreal and of
Canada.

During the World War, Mr.
Birks was appointed a colonel in
the Canadian army and served as
the executive head of the "Y"
work among the Canadian troops
in Europe. For years he has been
interested in world affairs and has
made several trips around the
world. In November, 1929 he was
a delegate to the Conference of
the Institute of Pacific Relations,
held in Kyoto, Japan.

A life-long member of the Mon-
treal Y.M.C.A., the oldest and one
of the best "Y's" on the North
American Continent, Col. Birks
has been for years a director of
that Association and is now its
president. He is also a member
of the National Council of the
Young Men's Christian Associa-
tions of Canada.

According to his present plan,
he will spend the next two or three
weeks in the north, visiting Nan-
king, Soochow, Hangchow and
Wush. During his last trip, he
visited Mukden, Peking, Tientsin,
Hongkong and Canton. Accom-
panied by Mrs. Birks and his
secretary, Mr. Clarence Nelson,
he will leave Shanghai for Hong-
kong and thence for Singapore on
January 7, 1931. It is probable
that Dr. David Z. T. Yui, General
Secretary of the National Com-
mittee and Mrs. Yui will travel in
company with Col. and Mrs. Birks
to Hongkong.

unaccompanied. Dressed in the
costumes of the time, the players
made many a picturesque tableau.

The Cathedral Hall was filled to
its capacity, and the efforts of the
forty or so German residents who
took part in the traditional cere-
mony, were much appreciated.

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shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday
afternoon.

The idea occurred to a policeman
to use his whistle. The sustained
blast he blew on it, fetched quite
half-a-dozen other policemen to the
scene, and shortly afterwards the
Fire Brigade arrived, having been
summoned by one of those present,
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tinguished. The cause of all the
commotion is believed to have been
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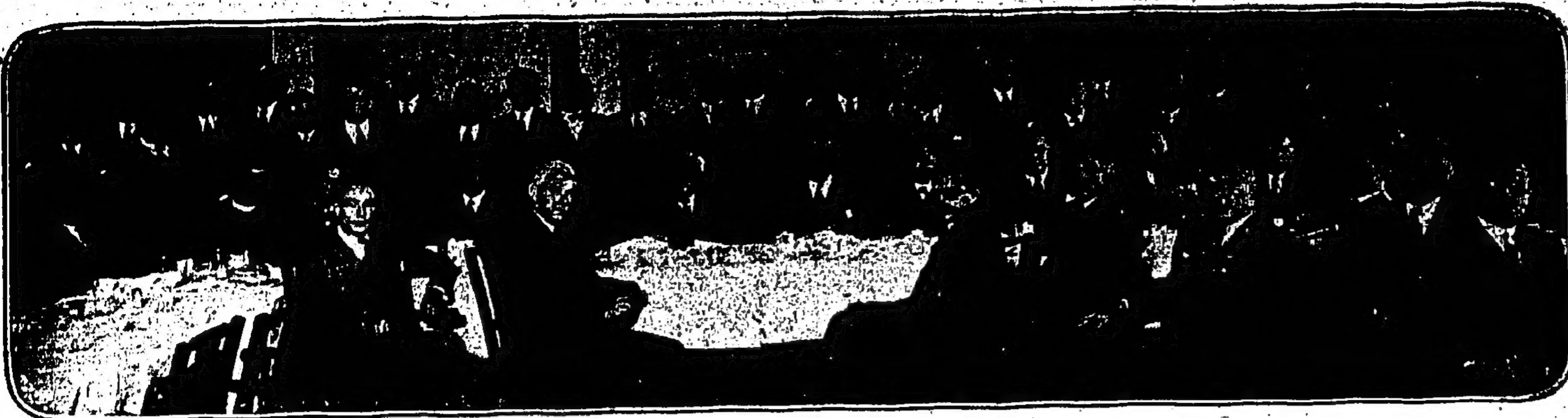


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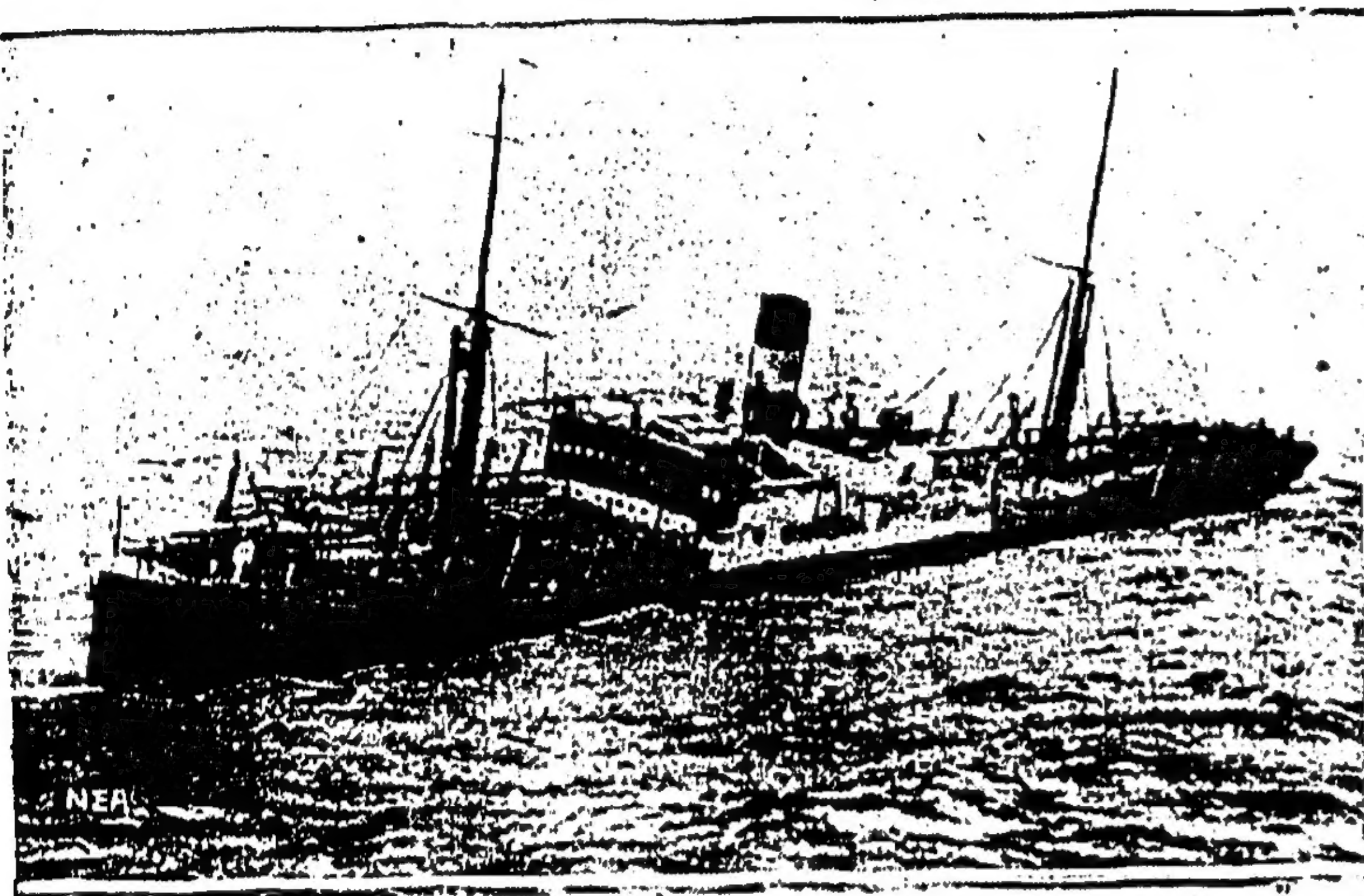
It Would Help!

By Small





The veteran merchant marine magnate, Captain Robert Dollar was entertained at a tiffin given by the Executive Committee of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai recently. Mr. Douglas Jenkins, U.S. Consul-General, Major A. Bassett, Mr. Julian Arnold, Mr. H. H. Arnold, Rev. M. H. Throop, and other American business men were present.



A telephoto picture showing the sinking of the Swedish steamer Ovidia, just after her crew had been rescued by the Mauretania in a great race against time.



The crew of the Ovidia clambering up the side of the Mauretania in Mid-Atlantic. Photo was taken by a passenger on the Cunard liner.



Viola Dana, top, trying marriage once again. Her new choice, below, is Jimmy Thompson, a golf pro.

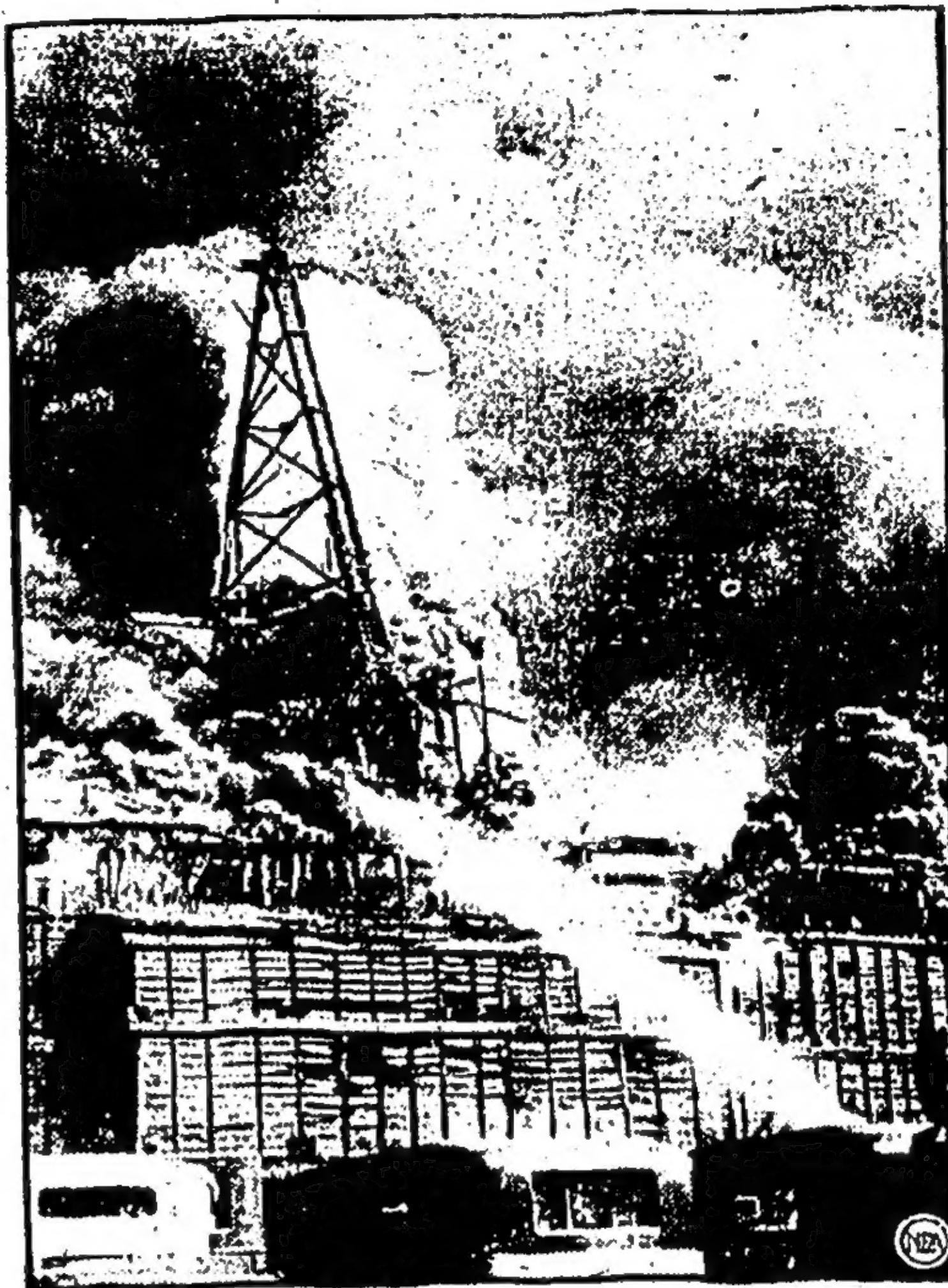
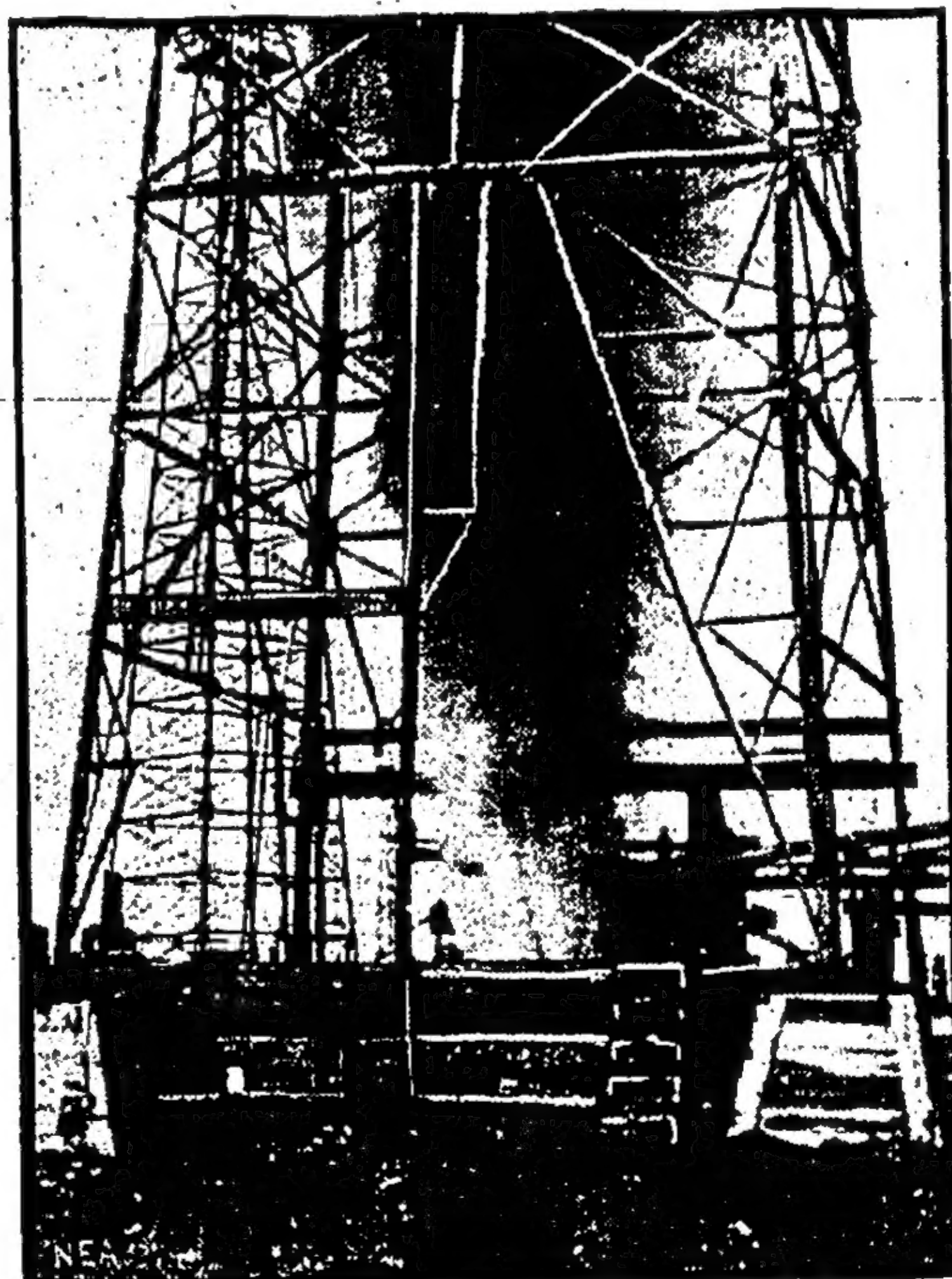


Photo of a spectacular fire at Providence, Rhode Island. The loss was extremely heavy.



A close-up of the "gusher" which broke loose at Oklahoma City recently, threatening to involve the city in a terrific blaze.



A snapshot taken at Chinkiang of Marshal Chang Haueh-liang and Mr. T. V. Soong. Others in the picture are: Madame Chang, Mr. Yeh, head of the Provincial Government, during their tour to the Island Temple Chikien.



Mr. Fred Fabst, who has gambled on a change in the Volstead Act to the extent of \$300,000, spending this on equipment at a Milwaukee brewery.

Gifts of practical purpose



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734, 737, 738.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel (First Floor), Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1930 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions viz:—

- (1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares fully paid up of the nominal value of \$10.00 per share all of which have been issued) be increased from \$1,500,000 consisting as aforesaid to \$3,000,000 (consisting of 300,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 150,000 additional new shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.
- (2) (a) That 50,000 of the said 150,000 new shares be offered forthwith (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 29th day of December, 1930 are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 150,000 issued shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$2.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.
- (b) That such offer as aforesaid be made by notice specifying the number of new shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time or times within which the offer if not accepted by the member either on behalf of such member or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and the Directors be at liberty to fix such respective times and to extend such times to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 50,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.
- (c) That no shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional new share in respect of any odd share held by him.
- (d) That the remaining 100,000 new shares constituting the Company's unissued capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of members of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to 29th December, 1930, inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1930.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th December (Xmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 19th December, 1930.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Lot No. 1437.	Fai Wa Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.	About 4,367	\$40	\$650

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2328.	Adjacent to Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2298, Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.	About 2,170	\$24	\$420

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1435.	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1181 and 1182, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.	About 19,885	\$182	\$3,700

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The Undersigned have received instructions from The Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd. to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,
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at 11 a.m.

at their premises,
Cornwall Road, Kowloon Tong.
A Quantity of Iron and Steel Bars, Galvanized Iron Sheets, Galvanized and Earthen Water Pipes, Steel Windows, Enamelled Baths and Wash Basins, Wooden Doors and Windows, Hardware, Bricks, Tiles and Sundry Stores etc.

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday, the 1st January 1931, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 29th December, 1930.
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On Wednesday, the 24th December, All Departments will be open until 7 p.m.

On Christmas Day, and Friday, the 26th December, All Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days,
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, the 25th December, Friday, the 26th December and Saturday, the 27th December the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—
Thursday Friday Saturday
General Post Office 8 a.m.—9 a.m. 8 a.m.—noon 8 a.m.—9 a.m.
Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m.—9 a.m. 8 a.m.—11 a.m. 8 a.m.—9 a.m.
Other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m.—9 a.m. 8 a.m.—9 a.m. 8 a.m.—9 a.m.
There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 9 a.m. on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.
Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Thurs., Dec. 23, 4 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	Tues., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Borneo	Wed., Dec. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Dec. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Wuchow	Koehow	Wed., Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sirdhana	Wed., Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	Parcels	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Atsuta Maru	Wed., Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.
(Ship sails 11 a.m. on Christmas Day)	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 7th Jan., 1931.)	

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C."	Emp. of Canada	Wed., Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 9th Jan., 1931.)	

Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia (Ship leaving noon on Christmas Day.)"	Emp. of Canada	Wed., Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.

Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Ménade Maru	Wed., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Ship sails 7 a.m. on 27th Dec.)	Kjondari	Wed., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
	Registration	10 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.

	G. P. O.	Registration 11.15 a.m.
	Letters	noon.
	(Due Marseilles 24th Jan., 1931.)	

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiungchow	Fri., Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Foochow <td>Hulchow <th>Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.</th> </td>	Hulchow <th>Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.</th>	Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow <td>Haiching <th>Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.</th> </td>	Haiching <th>Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.</th>	Fri., Dec. 25, Noon.
Japan <td>Hiye Maru <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.</th> </td>	Hiye Maru <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.</th>	Sat., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta <td>Namsang <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.</th> </td>	Namsang <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.</th>	Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
	Parcels <th>9 a.m.</th>	9 a.m.
	Letters <th>9 a.m.</th>	9 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Kashima Maru	Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Foochow via Swatow <td>Cheong Shing <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.</th> </td>	Cheong Shing <th>Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.</th>	Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow <td>Kaigan <th>Sun., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.</th> </td>	Kaigan <th>Sun., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.</th>	Sun., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.

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- The purchase price is \$295,000 of which \$59,000 has been paid. It was surveyed in 1926 and valued by Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs at \$393,000 and resurveyed and revalued by Messrs. Palmer & Turner in July, 1930 at \$345,400. This is the value of the land when used for ordinary purposes, but as a Marine Lot already reclaimed and consolidated at considerable expense, its value should be fixed at a much higher price.
- The buildings have been repaired, two new steel workshops have been erected and machinery, tools, etc. which have been purchased have arrived from Europe. The shipyard will soon be again fully equipped and in working order. 4 building berths for ships up to 350 feet length are at our disposal, and it is proposed to build 4 most up-to-date slipways for ships up to 300 feet in length.
- The shipyard and repairing works are under the management of an experienced Motor-shipbuilding, Diesel-Engine, and Motor-Engineer who has been in Hong Kong since the last 10 years.
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- The Company will first be supported by the Hoi Fook Shipping Co., Ltd. which has placed with the South China Motor-Shipbuilding & Repairing Works, Ltd. an order for the construction of 2 up-to-date motor-ships of 300 tons deadweight each. It is the intention of the Directors of the Hoi Fook Shipping Co., Ltd. to place an order for two larger motorships upon the satisfactory completion of the first two vessels. Hence from the very beginning the Company will have sufficient work on hand to keep its shipyard busy.
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- The number of shares fixed by the Articles of Association as the qualification of a Director is 250 shares and the remuneration of the Directors is \$750.00 per annum and 5% of the net profits.
- The amount estimated for preliminary expenses is \$3,000.00.
- The Memorandum of Association of the Company forms part of this Prospectus.
- Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the Office of the Company or its Bankers or Solicitors.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1930.

LOCAL RADIO.

A KO SHING THEATRE RELAY.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres.
5.00 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by Messrs. Anderson and Co.
5.00-6.00 p.m. Variety.
Band-Lionel Monckton Memories.
Dobroy Somers' Band. 9881.
Duet-Say A Little Prayer For Me. Layton and Johnstone. 278.
Dialogue-Dixie. Burns and Allen. 280.
Chorus-A Ragtime Review.
The Old-Time Ragtimers with Orchestra. 127.
Song-You're In Love and I'm In Love. Ruth Ebling (Comedienne). 19.
Pianoforte Solo-Nippy Medley. Billy Mayerl. 288.
Ukulele Solo-Sing (A Happy Little Thing). Ukulele Ike. 280.
Organ Solo-Watching My Dreams Go By. Quentin Maclean. 289.
Song-Florrie Forde Old Time Medley. Florrie Forde (Comedienne). 9780.
Orchestra-Paul Rubens Memories.
Orchestra-Ivan Caryll Memories.
Columbia Light Opera Co. 9895.
6.45 p.m. From The Studio Children's Programme.
Miss Norah Didsbury will play "La Gazelle" on the piano.
6.45-7.20 p.m. Concert Items.
Violin Solo-The Zephyr.
Violin Solo-Bluette.
Efrem Zimballat. 5314.
Song-My Ain Folk.
Song-Eileen Aannah.
Dame Clara Butt (Contralto). 341.
Pianoforte Solo-Marche Militaire.
William Murdoch. 9273.
Violin Solo-Air.
Arthur Catterall. 9610.
Song-Queen of Sheba-She Alone.
Charmeth My Sadness.
Norman Allin (Bass). 125.
Cello Solo-Tarantelle.
W. H. Squires. 2371.
7.20-7.45 p.m. Band Selections.
"1812" Overture.
H. M. Grenadier Guards. 576.
Tannhauser-Grand March.
The Prophet-Coronation March.
Royal Guards' Band. 9454.
The Beggar's Opera-Selections.
H. M. Grenadier Guards. 927.
7.45-8.00 p.m. Musical Comedy.
The Gold Diggers of Broadway-Selections.
Regal Cinema Orch. 9912.
The Desert Song-The Desert Song.
Edith Day and Harry Welchman.
The Desert Song-French Marching Song.
Edith Day and Chorus. 9211.
8.00 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.
9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
11.30 p.m. Cose Down.
HOLIDAY EXTENSIONS.
Will listeners please note the extension of the evening European Broadcasting Programmes during the Christmas and New Year Holidays:
Wednesday, 24th December, to 11.30 p.m.
Thursday, 25th December, to 12 midnight.
Friday, 26th December, to 12 midnight.
Saturday, 27th December, to 12 midnight.
Monday, 29th December, to 11.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 31st December, to 12 midnight.
Thursday, 1st January, to 12 midnight.
A Dance Programme will be broadcast on each of the above mentioned evenings from 9.30 p.m. to the conclusion of the evening transmission.

CHINESE "INVADE" SETTLEMENT.

AN ALARMING INCIDENT AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
Serious trouble has occurred between police from the International Settlement and Chinese detectives from the Bureau of Public Safety, in Chinese territory, over the disposition of a coolie's body found at Tung Wen College, the famous Japanese cultural institution on the extra-Settlement road.

The body was found by the faculty, and the Settlement police were asked to give advice. When seven foreign detectives were at the school, a squad of the Safety Bureau's men arrived, and with drawn pistols ordered the foreigners to go away, emphasizing that they were determined to shoot it out otherwise.

Considerable alarm is felt here over such an incident, as the college is undoubtedly inside the Settlement limits, and the Chinese were murderously determined in this latest invasion of foreign-controlled territory.

Negotiations are now proceeding between the respective authorities, but it would seem the Chinese have been victorious, in view of the fact that the body is now in the mortuary in the native city.—Our Own Correspondent.

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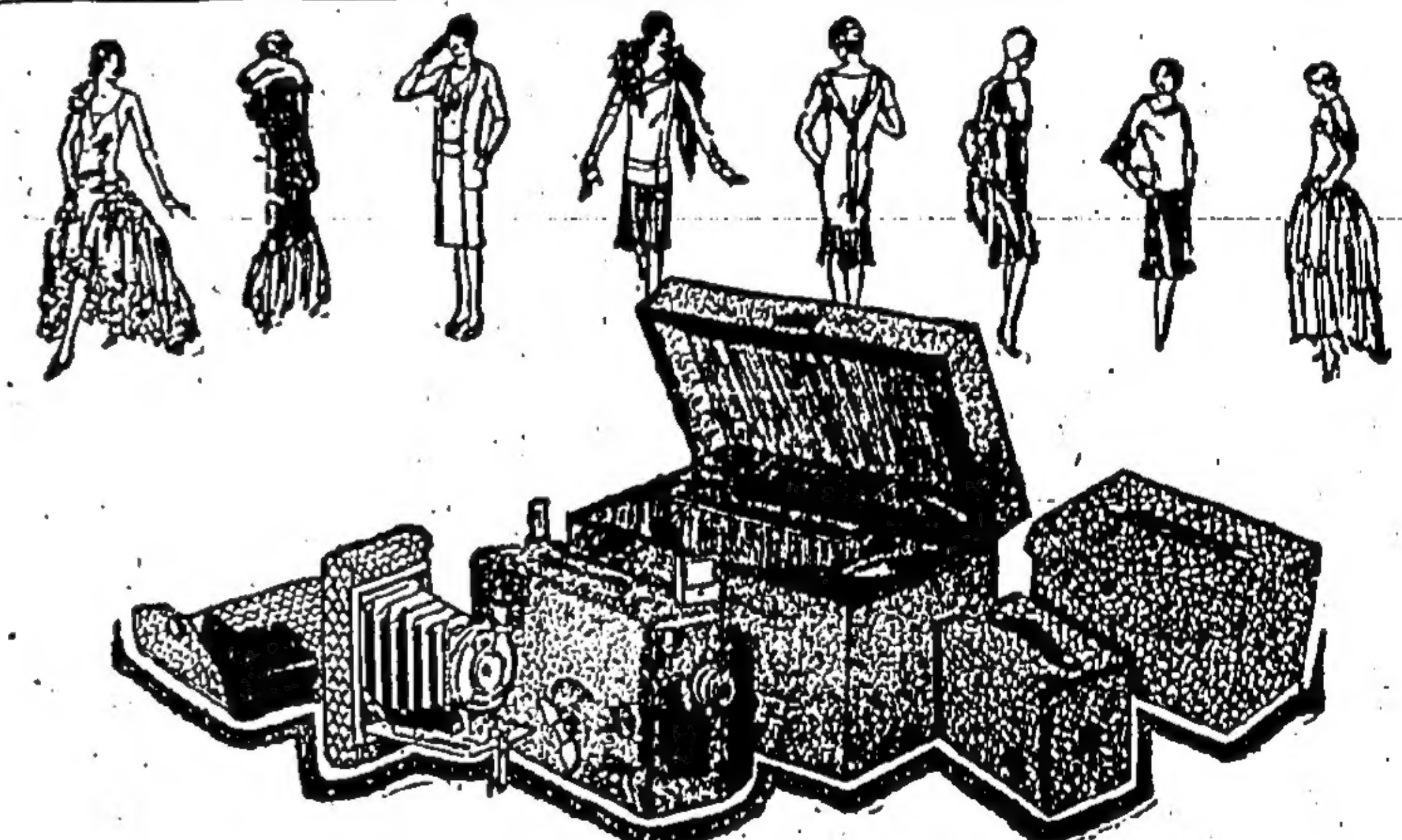
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Importance of Details Stressed.



Embroidery effectively touches a soft sheer velvet afternoon gown (left), is featured in a black and white formal after noon ensemble (centre), and distinguishes the cuffs and collar of another afternoon frock of black crepe de chine (right).

LONG GOWNS.

Graceful Walk Necessary.

Although starvation is no longer the fashion, women are still compelled to keep a more or less careful eye on their diet.

Angles may not be in the mode to-day, but it seems to be just as difficult to preserve the slight and graceful curves which form the ideal figure of Madame 1930 as it was to achieve the broom-stick appearance of a few years ago.

Then, there is the matter of deportment. It has been neglected for years, and now is causing up a good deal of trouble. Long strides in low-heeled shoes, on a golf course, may be all right; if not graceful, any way they do not look out of place.

A stride in the same way, however, when you are wearing a long afternoon frock is distinctly awkward in effect. And in the evening, it may even be disastrous.

If you want to indulge in one of the long, flowing, chiffon gowns which are so graceful for afternoon tea dances, or for evening wear, practice walking in it first. Try it before a mirror, for it is difficult to realise how the appearance of a frock may be spoiled until you actually see yourself walking in it.

Shoulder Capes.

As for the very long evening gown, not only a graceful walk is necessary, but we have to learn to stand gracefully. These long evening gowns have been such a revolution that even yet we have not really accustomed ourselves to a different deportment in the evening from that of the day.

The little shoulder capes and capelets, queer little epaulettes

THOSE INITIALS.

People to whom letter-writing—and sending—is one of the day's most disagreeable duties will be glad that someone has once again drawn attention to the amount of time that is daily wasted in addressing letters, through the initial nuisance.

There is first the necessity of finding out the initial of a man's Christian name before convention will allow us to add the Esq. at the end.

But far more bothersome are those strings of initials that come at the end.

After all, does any sane man care whether a letter is addressed to him as "John Jones, C.B.E., F.R.S.L., M.V.O." or simply, "Mr. Jones," so long as it reaches him?

If the description were meant for any eyes but his own, it would be another matter. No one would willingly deprive a man who has been honoured of the titles he has won, but it is useless to pretend that we can always remember them.

sleeves, boleros, and the rest of the tricks with which the dressmakers have banished every trace of severity from our dresses, all demand a good carriage if they are to appear at their best. Slouching won't do, nor will brusque movements, and dressmakers may have to open schools of deportment to teach their clients how to walk.

Trains are another accessory which few women are able to manage as yet. Still, they seem to be falling out of favour, so perhaps we shall never need to trail them gracefully after all. But even then, there are our long skirts which meet with disastrous accidents on staircases when we forget to pick them up.

FASHION NOTES.

Absence of Printed Materials.

There is a reaction against printed materials. This does not mean that they are gone for ever. The presence of printed fabrics in the winter collections contradicts any such supposition at once. But we are all conscious of a feeling of fatigue, where prints are concerned. The eye enjoys plain surfaces for a change.

Prints have their times and places. In summer time they are an ideal fabric; a simple, small-patterned dark brown, printed crepe, for instance, is a lovely material. It does not soil as easily as a plain one, neither does it show the inevitable wrinkles as the plain ones do.

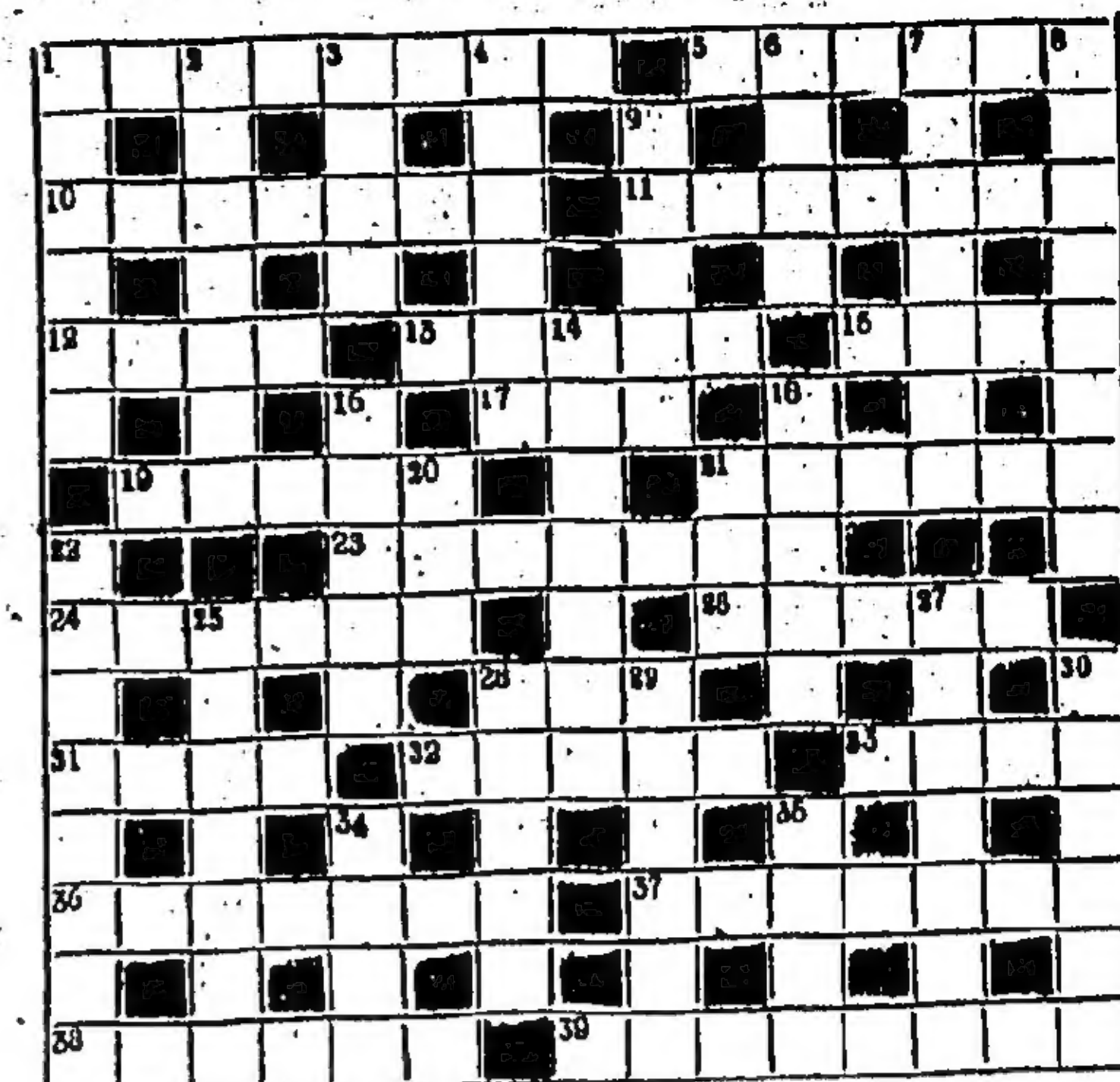
The prevalence of black frocks at the moment does not mean that this season will necessarily be a black one either. The rich, dark colour of the colour-card for 1931, are too beautiful and too becoming for that.

Half Sleeves.

They will be seen often in the daytime, and the pale tones will not leave the evening mode, even though reports have it that 35 per cent. of black frocks are seen in the evening.

A number of fresh fashions shown in the new collections will never be seen outside the dressmakers' salons. Frilled cuffs, worn with a sleeveless frock, is one. A similar idea consists of a half sleeve worn nearly up to the elbow, where it is gathered with elastic to keep it in its place, while over it, from the wrist, is placed a flaring mousquetaire cuff. The effect of the bare arm between the end of the sleeve and the shoulder is very curious. On a dress seen recently there were stiffened pleated ruffles round the neck, and cuffs very similar to those worn by the Beefeaters at the Tower of London.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- One of the minor prophets.
 - A noisy quarter in the United States, in July.
 - A scherzer in modern parlance.
 - "Single men in barracks don't grow into — saints."—Kipling.
 - A step in the wrong direction.
 - "I beg your pardon?"
 - "Like the tail of the cow be this," as the yokel might say.
 - Half a drum.
 - One of the United States.
 - Silver.
 - Thus a bishop puts in orders.
 - One of Princess Elizabeth's great-great-grandfathers.
 - A well-known novelist during the lifetime of 24 across.
 - Not quite nice.
 - Thrash.
 - A tendency that comes quickly to an end.
 - Hindustani.
 - "Ran cold" (anag.).
 - I'm sorry this clue is ineffective.
 - An inmate of this keeps regular hours, though his days may be laborious.
 - Antonio was a celebrated one, and so was Dick Whittington.
- Down
- More than mere dislike.
 - This unhelpful person is a vessel and—well that's all.
 - This flew long before the Brothers Wright.
 - A difficult thing to do to dandelions and docks.
 - Here cricketers and spectators may see a gasometer.
 - 7 This with others like it is fastened across a ship's shrouds.
 - Ibsen made public his views on this in "Ghosts."
- 9 This whale helps the candle-maker.
- 14 A generic name applied to a group of several South European languages.
- 16 Even the tallest may be this in these hard times.
- 18 A crime apt to make those on the trail very heated.
- 20 Out of sorts.
- 21 This one might be you, I, or the other fellow.
- 22 Sounds useful headgear in spite of the hindrance.
- 25 Stewed meat.
- 27 A great ape.
- 28 What does the laundry-maid do that the mutineer may wear?
- 29 Rarely seen, at the back of a train.
- 30 A learned man.
- 31 Con this for liveliness.
- 35 This fellow is standing on his head. He is a queer customer.

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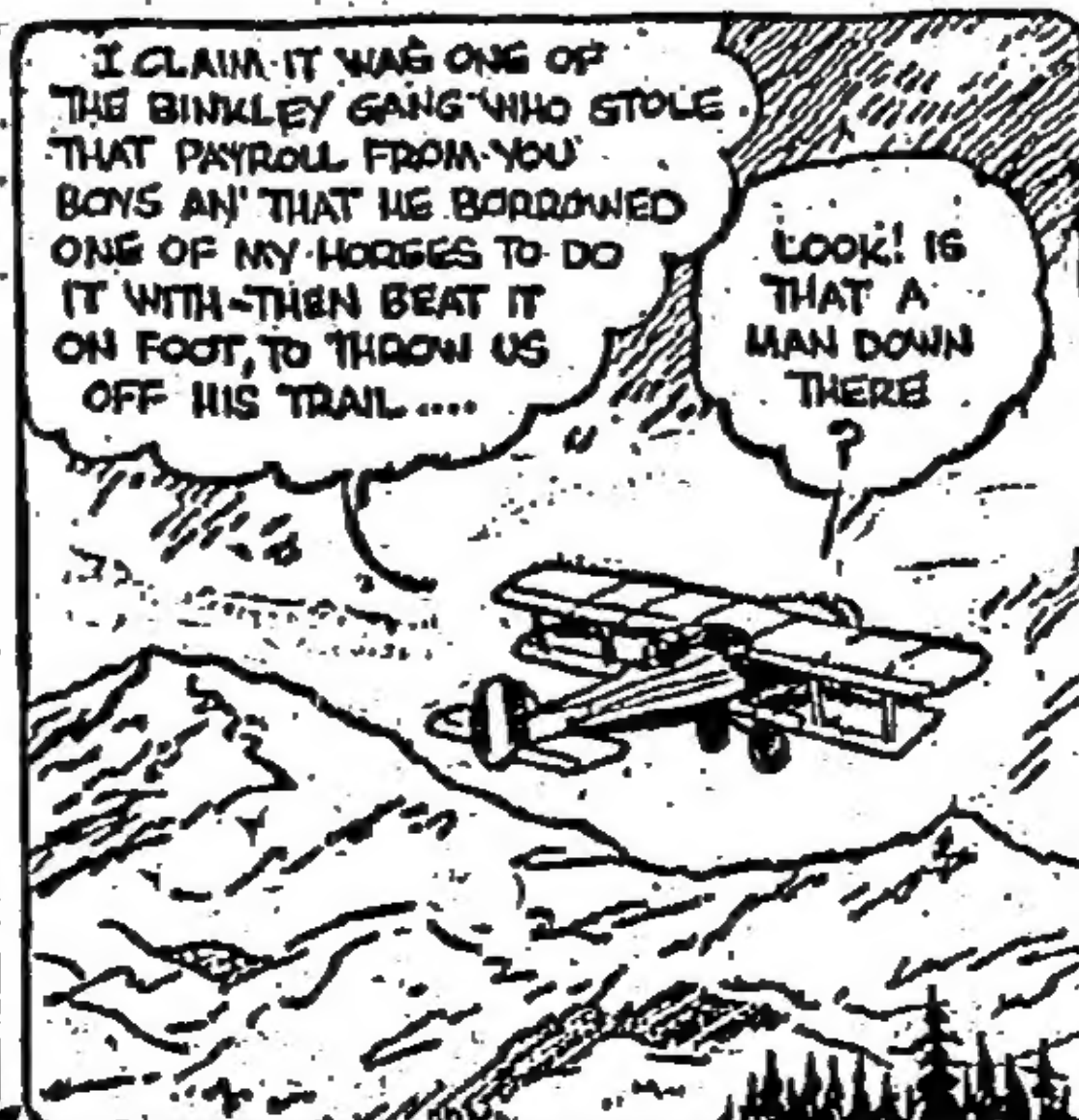
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friends who sent them ex-
pressions of sympathy in their
bereavement, as well as those
who attended at the funeral
and who sent wreaths.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1930.

THE GAOL STRIKE.

It is becoming a habit all over
the world, and particularly in the
Far East, to blame "Reds" or
"agitators" when a serious dis-
turbance of any kind occurs to
cause a break in the normal run of
life. This is precisely what the
Hongkong Government has done in
the matter of the strike which has
been proceeding in Victoria Gaol
for the past week. The trouble is
attributed to "outside influences,"
and in elaborating this point the
Government says our Gaol is "an
obvious mark for the agitators who
have recently made their presence
felt in many parts of China and
the Far East." As to the method
employed, we are told that "com-
munication with prisoners is not
very difficult, if only through the
medium of the short-sentence
men." This confirms the
suggestion which we put
forward in commenting on
the matter on Friday last, when we
pointed out the ease with which
messages could be carried between
the old hands by these short-term
men, whose services are utilised in
the carrying of food, etc. If this
is the real explanation, as the Gov-
ernment now itself suggests, we
can only marvel that the operation
of the system has not been long
since put an end to by the very
obvious method of seeing that con-
tact is rendered impossible.

The extent to which the convicts
have organised themselves may be
further gathered when the Govern-
ment admits how extremely well in-
formed they appear to have been
on the developments which were
occurring in connexion with the
food question. A Committee ap-
pointed to deal with complaints
made certain recommendations
which the Executive Council con-
sidered but referred back, the Gov-
ernment in the meantime authoris-
ing certain improvements in the
dietary scale. "Information ap-
pears to have reached the
prisoners," says the Government,
"that recommendations had been
made which had not been fully ac-
cepted, and this information has
been made the excuse for causing
trouble." A more amazing situa-
tion could hardly be conceived. The

public generally did not know that
the Executive Council had even
considered the matter of prison
diet, yet the convicts appear some-
how to have gained a certain
amount of knowledge on the point,
to the extent that the Committee's
proposals had not been finally ac-
cepted! The obvious reflection is
that there must be something sadly
awry with the administration of
the gaol if the inmates can be kept
so well informed on what is trans-
piring outside. A much more
serious point suggests itself, name-
ly, that if the convicts can so effec-
tively organise a strike as a protest
against their food supply, through
the aid of outside influences, they
could just as easily utilise the same
medium for planning a big-scale
gaol-break or first-class mutiny, to
the danger of the whole community.

Taking all the facts into con-
sideration, it does seem that there
is need for an inquiry not merely
into the prisoners' food, but on the
whole question of the running of
the gaol. When, at yesterday's
meeting of the Finance Committee,
the Colonial Secretary was asked
whether the Government were
satisfied with the present adminis-
tration of the gaol, he replied "As
far as I am aware, yes," but added,
somewhat cryptically, "It is ex-
tremely difficult to say." Why
should it be? Surely the Govern-
ment is either satisfied or dissatis-
fied. It may be, of course, that
Victoria Gaol is so utterly out-of-
date and ill-designed as to make it
impossible for the prison authori-
ties to exercise the control and
supervision which are essential in
an establishment of the kind; that
the Superintendent and his subor-
dinates are unduly handicapped as
a consequence. Even so, it ought
surely to be possible to keep the
old hands from contact of any kind
with the outside world. The public
will refuse to be assured by official
communiqués laying stress on the
very much delayed schemes for new
gaol accommodation, or by state-
ments that the prisoners are by no
means unanimous in their oppo-
sition to the authorities. Such a
situation as now exists in Victoria
Gaol ought never to have been made
possible. The least that the Gov-
ernment can now do is to see that
steps are taken to stop communica-
tion between the prisoners and to
let the public know that action
along this line has been made effec-
tive.

An Awkward Coincidence.

The Gilbertian side of the gaol
strike intrudes more and more upon
the gravity of the affair. We can-
not imagine a more awkward coin-
cidence than complaints of short
rations accompanied by serious
unrest and a Government request
that money saved on the allowance
authorised for the supply of food to
prisoners be applied to other
purposes. The very artlessness of
Government in the matter is suf-
ficient to avert suspicion, otherwise
one would jump to the conclusion,
cause and effect. At the same
time, the bewilderment of the Un-
official Members of the Council,
envisaging them to shed their usual
facetiousness by general consent, is
easily understood. Twelve thou-
sand dollars is a fairly useful sum
to save out of \$100,000, while, if
memory serves us correctly, the
five votes approved at yesterday's
meeting are not the only ones that
have been financed from the Pri-
soners Subsidence Vote in the cur-
rent year. The situation was one
calling for an explanation
although, as we have said, the
logical inference must
perforce have been discarded
in view of the Government's
rare reticence. It must not be in-
ferred that the supply of food to
prisoners has been cut down. This
money has been saved not on the
food, but on the Vote, a very im-
portant difference, though it would
have been informative if the Un-
officials had taken the trouble to en-
quire how the number of prisoners
this year has compared with the
figures for 1929, or, alternatively,
whether an equally large saving on
the Vote was possible in 1929.
After all, the cost of living has
risen, and bearing this in mind, the
Colonial Secretary's explanations
were not as full as they might have

DAY BY DAY

IN THE PURSUIT OF PLEASURE, THE
GREATEST VIRTUE LIES NEGLECTED.—
Tully.

The Legislative Council is to
meet on Monday next at 9.30 a.m.
to consider the report of yester-
day's Finance Committee meeting.

We have received from the Dun-
lop Rubber Company a calendar
embodying an excellent reproduc-
tion of an oil painting of "The
Strand," London.

The closing date of the entries of
the Hongkong University Amateur
Photographic Club Exhibition has
been extended to the end
January.

Two Chinese cases of diphtheria
from Kowloon and one foreign case
from Victoria are reported in the
Medical Officer's report for the
twenty-four hours ended at mid-
night. There was also a Chinese
case of typhoid.

Capt. Hutchings, of the R.N.
Kwongsang, has reported to the
Harbour Office that whilst on her
way down to Hongkong from Can-
ton yesterday, the steamer collid-
ed with a junk, which was in tow,
and went aground for a short
while. The Kwongsang arrived in
port shortly after 10 o'clock last
night.

In preparation for the Christ-
mas festivities, two Chinese were
caught red-handed cutting
branches from fir trees, to be sold
as Christmas trees, from Crown
land in Kowloon City. They were
brought before Mr. Butters, at the
Kowloon Magistrate's Court, this
morning, by Sub-inspector Elston, who
said they had 23 trees in their pos-
session. Each was fined \$25.

In order to introduce Penfold
and Bromford golf balls, Messrs.
J. D. Hutchison & Co., are offering
a box of half a dozen assorted to
players who return scores of All
Square or better in any Hogeys
Competition held at the Royal
Hongkong Golf Club, during the
Christmas or New Year holi-
days. Cards must be certified by
the respective Secretaries.

It is not to be expected that
the Hon. Member shall be as fail-
ing with the intricate details of the
working of every Government de-
partment, and in circumstances
like those obtaining yesterday, the
Government would do well to have
the head of the department concern-
ed readily accessible to the Finance
Committee. Misunderstandings can
be avoided by the adoption of this
proposal and, moreover, and more
important, it will prevent votes be-
ing approved with Members still
unsatisfied in their minds, or hold-
ing up votes unnecessarily until
they are. It so happened on the
present issue that the Unofficials
were able to complement the official
explanations with the results of
personal observations. The Hon.
Mr. Paterson expressed the view
that the quality of food supplied to
prisoners is extraordinarily good,
and while unable to judge as to
quantity, endorsed the general view
that it would be a mistake to over-
feed convicts. Gaol is intended to
be punishment, not a rest cure.

Mr. A. R. JAMES, of the B.B.C., says

Pure English is Very Elusive.

THE "purest English" legend
promises to rival the sea-ser-
pent myth in popularity. "Purest
English," like our old friend the
sea-serpent, has been located in
numerous places.

It has been found in the High-
lands, in the Lowlands, in the
Irish Free State, in Ulster, in
Yorkshire, in the Forest of Dean,
in Norfolk, and in Dorset, not to
mention all the other counties of
England. It has never been seen
—or heard—so the legend goes, in
the Rhonda Valley, in Wigan, in
Burslem, in Bethnal Green, or in
Chalk Farm, but there are traces
of its having been known in Bel-
size Park.

Oxford.

A society for its propagation
exists with headquarters at Ox-
ford, but the Oxford accent is ap-
parently hostile. So far nothing
has been heard from Cambridge
on the subject. We are informed
that the purest English is seldom
heard on the stage, never heard
in the Church, has been known in
the Law Courts, and is a comple-
tely foreign language to many re-
tellers and to most singers.

This is what I gather from read-
ing the papers, from studying the
comments that come from critics
all over the country, and especial-
ly from listening to the discus-
sions that a casual remark will
arouse in a lecture room.

Whether the "purest English"
exists in Savoy Hill (the headquar-
ters of the British Broadcasting
Corporation) is an open question,
according to the evidence before
me. On the whole, I think there
is a majority of testimony in fa-
vour of Savoy Hill, and there is
less disposition to shoot broads-
tens than there was five years ago.
There is less talk of pollution
than there was, and evidently the
country is getting used to broad-
cast English.

But what nonsense this "purest
English" is! We are so bewitch-
ed by words that we are utterly
unable to think intelligently.
Why drag in words such as "pure,"
with all their ethical, moral, and
aesthetic implications? Are we to
have a board of censors, and
stamp a Union Jack on the fore-
heads of all those who speak the
"purest English"?

Let our shopkeepers add to
their notices; let us see not only
"Ici on parle français" and "Man
spricht Deutsch," but "Only the
purest English spoken." Let the
electric railways of London in-
struct their servants to shout:
"Mind the doors!" in the "purest
English;" let us assemble all the
lift girls in the metropolis and
teach them that they must not say
"Going up," because "going up,"
is not the "purest English."

Telephone Problem.

And what shall we do with our
telephone operators? Shall we
take them to the Highlands, or the
Lowlands, or the Forest of Dean,
or any of the other reputed haunts
of the "purest English," and let
them imbibe the local phonetics
as a preliminary to service at the
switch-board?

There is a lady in Charing
Cross who, when she is not sell-
ing "Rowitz, luvvy rowitz," is sell-
ing "Luvvy nawsis." I feel sure
that some day the police will ar-
rest me for loitering in Charing

Cross, such is the charm of this
lady's voice, but what I should do
if she spoke the "purest English"
Mr. Shaw alone can tell.

Variety Inevitable.

Let us make up our mind about
one simple fact in connexion with
speech. Speech is but one of the
many aspects of our social be-
haviour; it is but one of the many
facets of our character. So long
as there are varieties of character,
varieties of social status, varia-
tion of environment, varieties of
ambition and of ideal, there will
be varieties of speech.

The English language is, like
all languages that spread over
large areas and embrace all classes
of society, capable of infinite
varieties that are excellent in
every respect; you will find ex-
cellent varieties in the Rhonda
Valley, in Wigan, even in Oxford,
if you know where to look for
them.

But where to look for the "purest
English" I cannot say, and I don't
know that I am interested!

LANE-NORCOTT on PAINLESS READING IN BED.

ONCE again we night readers
have reached the season of the
year when we are obliged to suffer
very unnecessarily for our culture.
Here we are—almost in November—
and our lot during the coming
winter promises to be as bleak as
ever it was.

Indeed, but for its gift of the
bedside light, Science has done
little to lessen the hardships of
the reader-in-bed.

And even this bedside light, now
that I come to think about it,
leaves a lot to be desired. It isn't
every reader-in-bed who wishes to
control his bedside light by hand.
Surely a little toe-switch fitted to
the inside of the bedpost could do
no harm?

Frankly, the more we consider
this matter of night reading, the
plainer it becomes to us that it is
still in infancy. No other section
of the community is so persistently
neglected by inventors as we
readers-in-bed.

For example, take elderdowns.
Of what use is the ordinary oblong
elderdown to the reader-in-bed?
Each time this man turns over a
page his elderdown slips off his
shoulders, and directly he tries to
pull it up again his book shuts and
so he loses his place.

Well I, for one, cannot believe
that it is beyond elderdown manu-
facturers to design a neat elder-
down suitable for winter night
reading. After all, it isn't asking
much really. Just a simple elder-
down fitted with a hole through
which a reader can place his head,
together with two smaller outlets,
or hand orifices, arranged near the
centre. Could anything be much
simpler than that?

And if overcoats can have
pockets—and what are overcoats
except daytime elder-downs?—why
can't real elderdowns have them?
It is absurd that a man should
have to spend half his night life
jumping out of bed to look for the
paper knife.

And that brings me to another
and even more important side of
night reading. I refer to that de-
lightful sister Art—night smok-
ing.

In every other phase of night
life—in the restaurants, at the
theatres, in the clubs—adequate
arrangements are made for the
smoker. It is only in the sanctity
of his own bedroom that his com-
fort is studiously ignored.

Yet with a little ingenuity what
great things could be done with
that useless bedside wall. How
simple it would be to turn it into
a complete smoker's cabinet. By
just removing a brick here and a
brick there ample space could be
made for everything.

Nor need these alterations ap-
pear at all unsightly. No one but
the smoker himself need ever know
that behind that pretty picture
"Love Locked Out" are secreted
cigarettes, cigars, pipes, tobacco,
matches, ash dumps, and fire
extinguisher.

Well, fortunately there is still
time for Science to give full rein
to its imagination before the next
Ideal Homes Exhibition. More
than enough has been said
to show it the way. We
sufferers from insomnia may now
reasonably expect to see some-
thing very novel in the "Night
Reader's Ideal Bedroom" this year.



UNITED ASBESTOS AGENCY.

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LIQUIDATION.

POSITION EXPLAINED.

A report of the work accomplished by the liquidators from May, 1929, to May, 1930, was presented this morning at an extraordinary general meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., which entered into voluntary liquidation in March, 1929, with the late general managers as liquidators. Mr. J. P. Warren presided.

There were present the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, Mr. H. J. Silva, Mr. R. S. Vieira and Mr. W. M. Barton (acting secretary).

The Chairman addressed the meeting on the present position of the liquidation; when he said:—Gentlemen,—as you will remember, a meeting of shareholders was held on 10th March, 1929, at which a resolution was passed to the effect that the Asbestos Company should go into voluntary liquidation with the late General Managers as liquidators. The present meeting, as you are aware has been called to enable the liquidators to lay before the meeting an account of their acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year following the confirmation of the resolution for the winding-up of the Company.

Disposal of Stocks.
During this period the liquidators have been gradually disposing of stocks in hand and collecting outstanding, which has enabled the overdraft with the Bank to be paid off. You have had in your hands a statement giving the balance sheet and Profit and Loss Account as at 10th May, 1929, summary of liquidators' receipts and payment May 11th, 1929, to May 10th, 1930, Realization Account for same period, and also a statement of affairs as at May, 1930. Since then, the work of liquidation has taken its usual course, with the result that the Sundry Debtors Account has been reduced to \$1,919.98.

Further sales of stocks and materials have been made, amounting to \$2,599.05, thus reducing the figure of outstanding stocks to \$15,849.27. The credit balance at the Bank now amounts to \$12,818.46. The balance of stock will be liquidated gradually, and every opportunity will be availed of to close out this account as soon as possible, although you will realize that there are certain items of which it is very difficult to dispose. Metallization plant has been partly disposed of and we are in treaty for the sale of the balance, together with the patent rights. It has been found very difficult to find a purchaser for the steam launch which is on the books at \$1,000, but here again we must await more favourable conditions.

The property at Talkham, standing on the books at \$57,000, should realise considerably more than this, but we have not as yet received any satisfactory offers.

SUGAR MARKETS.
THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:—

London Terminal.
March 1931 6½ down ¼d.
May 1931 6½ down ¼d.
August 1931 6½ down ¼d.
December 1931 6½ down ¼d.
New York Terminal.
March 1931 1.24 down 1 pt.
May 1931 1.32 no change.
July 1931 1.39 down 1 pt.
September 1931 1.44 down 4 pts.
December 1931 1.18 up 6 pts.
Cubans 96½ C.I.F. U. K. Buyers
December shipment 6½
Java Market unchanged.
Hongkong Market easier; business done. White \$7.73/7.80, Browns \$8.80/8.85.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.50	123.50
Geneva	25.00	25.00
Berlin	20.37½	20.37½
Oslo	18.15½	18.15½
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	375	375½
Buenos Aires	36 15/16	36 15/16
Shanghai	1/5½	1/25 25/32
New York	4.85 21/32	4.85 21/32
Amsterdam	12.00	12.00½
Stockholm	18.00½	18.10½
Vienna	34.47½	34.47½
Madrid	46.00	46.00
Bucharest	818	817½
Montevideo	34½	34½
Hongkong	1/14	1/14
Brussels	34.70½	34.70½
Milan	92.75½	92.75½
Copenhagen	18.10	18.10
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	109½	109½
Rio	4½	4½
Bombay	1/5 25/32	1/5 25/32
Yokohama	2/0 9/16	2/0 9/16
Silver (spot)	14½	15 1/16
" (forward)	14 11/16	15

—British Wireless.

THE MILLION POUNDS FRAUD.

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authorized the Governor to have the notes printed.

Those contracts were impudent forgeries," Mr. Bevan declared. Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, he continued, telegraphed to Mr. Romer, their representative in Lisbon, and wrote, shortly reciting what had taken place between them and Mr. Marang. They told Mr. Romer that Marang would shortly present himself with a letter of introduction and would settle the matter finally with the Minister in Lisbon and said that Mr. Romer was then to get the express authority of the Bank of Portugal to enable Messrs. Waterlow and Sons to execute the order. Neither Marang, nor any emissary of his turned up at Lisbon. Mr. Romer, who was very uneasy about the matter, sent to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons telegrams and letters of warning. He said that all sorts of reports were current in Lisbon regarding matters about which it was difficult to write.

Warnings Disregarded.

"Those warnings were disregarded," said Mr. Bevan. "In due course Mr. Marang turned up again in London and eventually, instead of the authority which they had instructed Mr. Romer to obtain from the bank coming to them from the bank by way of Mr. Romer, the authority which they got purported to come in the form of a letter by the governor of the bank delivered by the hand of Mr. Marang. Mr. Marang impressed the greatest secrecy on Messrs. Waterlow and Sons. So secret was the matter, he said, that only a few members of the board of directors of the bank knew anything about it. He said that it was essential that every communication passing between Messrs. Waterlow and Sons and the bank, or vice versa, should pass through his hands. From first to last, every letter, with one exception, which Messrs. Waterlow and Sons wrote to the bank was handed to Mr. Marang. It was, of course, never delivered to the bank. Mr. Marang or his associates forged a reply which, in due course, was given to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons.

Packed in Suit-cases.

"The notes were packed in suit-cases and were delivered to Mr. Marang early in 1925. After one or two discreet inquiries whether any directors of the Bank of Portugal had come over to see Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, or whether any visit by any such directors might be expected, Mr. Marang placed a second order for 380,000 notes of the face value of 500 escudos each.

When the notes were first circulated no one knew. Early in December, 1925, however, the bank found in their possession four pairs of notes so identical in appearance that they were wholly unable to distinguish the one of a pair from the other. The bank telegraphed to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons saying that there had been a forgery of notes and asking that an expert should be sent out to them. Messrs. Waterlow and Sons did not send an expert. The bank were given no information either with regard to the notes having been ordered by Marang or with regard to any possible distinguishing marks between the authorized issue and the Marang issue. The bank were kept at arm's length and got no help at all.

Meanwhile the notes were being presented. In those circumstances the Banco de Portugal gave notice to withdraw the whole of the authorized Vasco da Gama issue. Except for some 4,000 or 5,000 notes, the whole issue was got in before the end of December. "Happily," said Mr. Bevan, "although 580,000 of these notes were printed, they were not all put into circulation. The bank has paid against 209,718 of these 500 escudo notes to the sterling value of \$1,106,691. In addition, certain expenses have been incurred, including the cost of withdrawing the authorized notes and printing a new issue."

Sequel to Affair.

Mr. Justice Wright asked what had happened to Marang and his associates.

Mr. Bevan replied that Reis and another man had been tried at Lisbon and sentenced to 25 years' transportation. They were appealing against the sentence.

His Lordship.—How many years will it be before the appeals are heard?
Mr. Bevan.—I understand that they will be heard about Christmas. Marang was tried at The Hague, where his case was that he was a perfectly innocent agent, said counsel. "But that, on some more technical matter, he was convicted and sentenced to light months' imprisonment. The prosecution appealed and the sentence was increased to two years. That, however, was a matter of no

FEROCIOUS "RED'S" BOASTS.

HOW HE SCARED FORMER EMPLOYEES.

ACCUSED OF THREATS.

Because they had been afraid of his pugilistic prowess, two partners of a firm at 129, Connaught Road, allowed a Chinese to utilize their premises as he liked, although he had been dismissed from their services some six years ago. They were afraid people and the man's professed Communist inclinations and his claim that he was a member of the War Branch of a Trade Society left his former employers in such a state of fright that they even feared reporting his conduct to the police.

This unusual story was unfolded by Mr. Horace Lo before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning when he appeared for the two partners to prosecute the former employee on charges of assault and of using threatening language towards them on December 16 last.

It was claimed by Mr. Lo that that defendant was engaged by the complainants some six years ago and he made himself objectionable on account of his boasts of being a Communist, a member of the War Branch of a Trade Society, that he had been studied and was also a man of pugilistic ability. He was discharged on this account but was allowed to remain on the premises because the complainants were afraid to turn him out.

On December 16 the defendant was alleged to have used threats to the complainants and to have rushed at one of them, although no actual blow was struck. The defendant was later reported to the police and arrested.

The case was adjourned.

UNION WATERBOAT MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS CONFIRM RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions which were passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Union Water Boat Company, Limited, on December 8 were confirmed by another meeting of shareholders this morning. The resolutions made certain changes in the Company's articles of Association.

Empowered by these amended articles, the Company held another meeting at the conclusion of the first and passed new resolutions. Mr. J. P. Warren (chairman) moved both proposals, the first being seconded by Mr. W. van Eps and the second by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

Directors present were:—Messrs. J. P. Warren (chairman), R. G. Sheehan, T. Yamamoto and A. van Gelder. Shareholders present were:—Messrs. W. van Eps, D. V. Stevenson and L. G. S. Dodwell, with Mr. D. E. de Sousa, Secretary.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, on the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 21st, in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hongkong, ordained to the Priesthood the Reverend Chung Yan Laap (Canton), and Sham Hon San (by Commission from the Bishop in the Philippine Islands) and ordained to the Diaconate Mr. Li Po Woo (Tsang Shing district).

moment to Mr. Marang, because he was not in Holland at the time and he has not been there since." (Laughter.)
Mr. Bevan said that on January 7, 1925, Messrs. Waterlow and Sons wrote to the Governor of the Banco de Portugal acknowledging the receipt of his "confidential letters." Messrs. Waterlow and Sons said that that letter was posted direct to the Governor of the bank, but it was never received by the bank.

Swindlers Form a Bank.

Mr. Bevan remarked that a special organization called the Bank of Angola was formed by those whom Marang represented to "plant" the unauthorized notes on the country. "Such was their impudence," said counsel, "that they devoted thousands of the notes to the purchase of shares in the Bank of Portugal." (Laughter.)
The one bright ray in the case was that the bank hoped to obtain some £400,000 in the liquidation of the Bank of Angola. (Laughter.)
Messrs. Waterlow and Sons denied that they had been guilty of any breach of contract, breach of duty, or negligence, and that, if the bank had suffered any damage, that damage was caused, or contributed to, by the bank's own negligence.

"I suggest that you took the course of withdrawing the whole issue of the notes to save the credit of the country, without regard to what was right and proper to protect payment," Mr. Birkett put to a bank witness.

CINEMA NOTES.

HOW DIRECTOR SELECTS AND HANDLES EXTRAS.

Actors and actresses in the "extra" ranks of Hollywood largely run to "types."

If a picture has a party sequence, the casting director puts in a call for a certain type of people to the Central Casting Bureau which serves as a clearing house for the thousands of Hollywood extras.

If there is a grandstand sequence, another type of extras are chosen to cheer the race horses or football players or whoever it is that has the eye of the camera that day.

In the course of years, "Extras" have developed their specialties and the same "guests" are usually present at parties in different pictures.

Chandler Sprague director of "Not Damaged" Fox Movietone comedy with music featuring Lois Moran and Walter Byron which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, is one executive who always has opposed the specialization plan.

"I'm tired of seeing the same people always making whoopee at parties on the screen," he said.

A department store employee's dance and entertainment is an important sequence in this picture, and to avoid the usual "party" crowd of extras, he made a call for just "general" assorted extras between the ages of 18 and 30.

When they arrived on the scene, he had them dressed for their roles, and went ahead with the party.

As a result, he has an entirely new set of faces for the background of his important dance sequence, proving to a doubting world that there is something new under the sun, after all.

In addition to Miss Moran and Byron, the cast includes Robert Ames, Inez Courtney, George "Red" Corcoran, Rhoda Cross and Ernest Wood.

"Not Damaged" was adapted by Frank Gay from Richard Connell's magazine story. Harold Atteridge wrote the dialogue.

Buster Keaton in "Dough Boys".

Football between the trenches—dynamic blast for the dinner bell—the gentle art of razzing the camp cook, and golf amid dugouts—these were some of the recreations of a motion picture company marooned on a train miles from roads, for the duration of a film war.

Buster Keaton, his company, and near a thousand men put in two weeks in such a plight. Housed in army tents, with an army cook serving as commissary, they lived a regular army life during the filming of the trench and battle sequences of "Dough Boys," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedy of army life, which will open on Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre.

Because machine guns, cannon, shells and other implements of warfare were to be in active use, the camp was placed amid rolling hills in a distant location in the San Fernando Valley. Actual army equipment was borrowed, and actual army officers supervised the camp, the trenches, their barbed wire entanglements, and the placing of explosives with which a huge replica of a real battle was staged.

Between battles two football teams were organized with Keaton and a group of ex-service men playing soldiers on one side, and Edwards Sedgwick, director, and another group, on the other.

Played during the encampment. During the "battle," everybody wore trench helmets, so that falling stones from the explosions would not injure anyone. Military rules governed the camp.

The new picture is a hilarious comedy of army life, Keaton playing a millionaire's son, who enlists for the war, and has hundreds of comical adventures at the front. Sally Eilers plays the heroine, and Cliff Edwards, Edward Brophy, Frank Mayo, Victor Potel, Katz, Arnold Korff and others are in the cast. Sedgwick, the director, is responsible for "Free and Easy," "Spite Marriage," and other Keaton successes.

"Innocents of Paris".

Sylvia Beecher, red-haired and petite, plays the leading feminine role opposite Maurice Chevalier, stage idol of France, in the continental favourite's motion picture, "Innocents of Paris," which is now showing at the Central Theatre.

Miss Beecher was chosen from a group of several scores of candidates of stage and screen who were given tests for the leading feminine role in the production.
Her greatest success so far had been on the speaking stage. She was playing with "The Marriage Bed" company on the west coast when she attracted the attention of Paramount officials. Prior to that she had a small part in William Wellman's "The Legion of the Condemned" and was also cast in a minor part in a Tim McCoy production.

The plot of "Innocents of Paris" has to do with the rise from obscurity of a poor youth of the streets. He gains an opportunity to appear on the stage with his songs, and he is on the threshold of success when circumstances force him to sacrifice the life of his dreams for the noble thrill of love.

Richard Wallace directed the film. The story was written by Ernest Vajda, Hungarian playwright.

"Captain of the Guard".

The biggest scene ever attempted in an all-time picture, taking the largest number of players, was photographed during the making of "Captain of the Guard," Universal's romantic and dramatic production of the early French Revolution, co-starring Laura La Plante and John Boles, which comes on Friday to the Central Theatre. More than 8,000 men were used to make up the Royalist and Revolutionary armies in the huge battle scenes directed by John Robertson. Sam de Grasse, James Marcus, Lionel Belmon, Stuart Holmes, Richard Hall, Richard Crane, George Backstrom and other screen favourites are prominent in the supporting roles.

ABANDONMENT OF PRETENCE

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and whether the basis of the franchise should be broadened. As to the general basis of the franchise, views were freely expressed by the delegates.

In the Simon report an extension of the franchise to include ten per cent. of the adult population was recommended. The view was advanced to-day that the increase might be up to twenty-five per cent. and the suggestion was made that such a proposal might be accepted for a period of ten years, subject to review every decade.

There was some further discussion on the Mukhi idea that groups of, say, twenty villagers should elect one of their number to go on the voters' register as their "Voice."

Economic Qualification.

The general sense of the meeting was that whilst the basis of the franchise should be governed by what was practicable in respect of the qualifications of voters, it was felt an expert committee should be asked to insure as far as possible, the same proportion of voters to population in the different communities, thus removing to a large extent the disabilities which many of the communities now suffer.

Considerable discussion took place on whether there should be a property qualification, and there appeared to be general agreement that some form of economic qualification was desirable.

Federal Structure.

The federal structure sub-committee continued a general discussion to-day of Number Four of the heads of subjects prepared by Lord Sankey, with special reference to the distribution of seats in the Upper and Lower Houses between the Federating Units. Consideration of the representation of the Crown was deferred until the constitution, character, powers and responsibilities of the Federal Executive was before the committee.—British Wireless and Reuter.

RECEIVED STOLEN SHUTTERS.

CHINESE SENT TO GAOL AT KOWLOON.

Having two previous convictions for larceny, a man named Wong Tak, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and two years' police supervision, by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant was charged with the larceny of 13 wooden shutters from a new house in Maple Street, on December 17. An alternative charge of receiving was also preferred.

A Chinese constable stated that he saw the defendant with the shutters in Wanchow Street and chased him, but he managed to escape. He saw the defendant again yesterday, again chased him and arrested him. Altogether 24 shutters had been stolen from the house. The shutters were valued at \$2 each.

The defendant said he was assisting a friend to carry the shutters. The defendant was convicted on the alternative charge.

THEFT FROM H.M.S. BERWICK.

SAMPAK USED TO CARRY OUT OFFENCE.

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing about 40 yards of canvas, the property of the Naval Authorities, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

It was stated by Detective Sergeant Flattery that a Chinese detective arrested two coolies carrying the canvas. When questioned they said they had been engaged by defendant. The canvas valued at about \$80, had apparently been taken from H.M.S. Berwick at the Naval Yard and removed from the Dockyard by a sampan.

EUROPEAN TARIFF TRUCE.

SIX NATIONS REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Oslo, Dec. 22.
A communique with regard to the tariff truce negotiations which have been proceeding here between representatives of Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden says a treaty for an economic rapprochement was signed to-day.

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FOG IN ENGLAND.

LONDON AGAIN UNDER THICK SHROUD.

London, Dec. 22.
A fog which to-day shrouds London has been responsible for delay to traffic and a number of casualties. It spreads over the east and south-east of England, the North Sea and continental ports.

A number of collisions and grounding of ships are reported, one of the most serious, according to a Hamburg message, to the Danish motorship Malaya, which yesterday collided in the Elbe estuary with the liner George Washington and was beached. It was reported that the Malaya's cargo of soya beans was swelling dangerously and threatening to burst her hull, but she was to-day reported safe, the cargo having been removed.

In London this morning fares were burning at the important crossroads. There was a general slowing down of traffic, and in parts where particularly dense patches of fog occurred it was seriously delayed. Although reduced fog services were running on the suburban railways, the signals of the automatic signalling enabled trains to continue without extensive disorganisation.

Southampton experienced clear sunshine. Croydon and Lymington Air ports were under fog belts.

Yesterday, South London experienced a particularly dense fog, and Sunday traffic, which was considerable owing to bright weather in other districts which tempted drivers to the coast, was much delayed on the Eastbourne and Brighton arterial roads. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

BRITISH MISSION.

TO BE IN HONGKONG IN JANUARY.

According to present plans, the British Economic Mission will remain in Shanghai until December 23 when they will go to Tientsin. Using that port as a base, the investigators will visit Peking and later go to Shenyang (Mukden) and Harbin before returning to Shanghai on January 19.

A trip to Hankow for at least some of the mission members is planned after January 19 before the men continue their studies to South China and depart for England in February.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,762½ n.
Chartered Bank, \$17½ n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$27 n.
East Asia \$115 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,230 n.
Union China Ins., \$525 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.15 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fire, \$450 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1215 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$28½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$30.50 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$24 n.
Union Waterboats, \$39 n.

Mining.

Bengueta, \$11.10 n.
Kallang, 25/9 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Roubs, \$33 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
China Providents, \$5.30 a (old).
Hongkong, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$11.80 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 79½ (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.50 b.
H. K. Lands, \$84 a. (old).
do \$82 a.
S'hai Land Tls. 322 b.
Humphreys, \$17.25 n.
Realties, \$9.40 a.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries \$94½ n.
China Lights, (old) \$25.50 n.
H. K. Electric, \$82½ n.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones \$35½ n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.
Singapore Traction, 7/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Tees, \$3.80 s.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. AGAINST KOWLOON LADIES.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in a hockey match against the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club at King's Park this afternoon:—W. J. Scotcher, R. Dormer, L. Tipples, W. Stonell, W. J. Brown, L. Macey, H. Muller, R. A. Bates, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and L. Coombes.

CRICKET.

CLUB TEAM FOR HOLIDAY MATCH.

The following will represent the Club v. The Army on Friday and Saturday, 20th and 27th December on Club ground: Play commences at 11 a.m.
T. E. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. T. Bowker, A. Reid, E. R. Duckitt, G. R. More, G. R. Sayer, A. C. Beck, E. B. Reed, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. H. Griffiths.

Cements (Comb) \$17.80 b.

Topos, \$11.45 a.

United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27.25 b.

Watsons, \$12.75 a.

Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.

Mackintosh, \$19 b.

Sinceres, \$11.60 n.

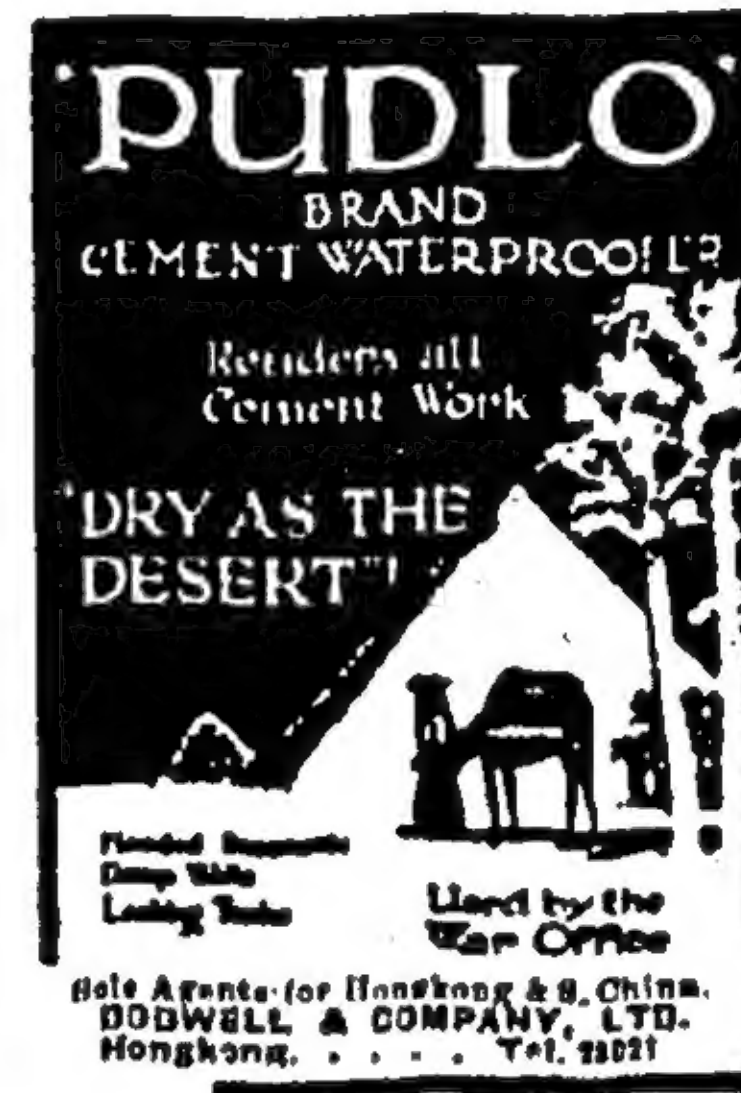
Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.

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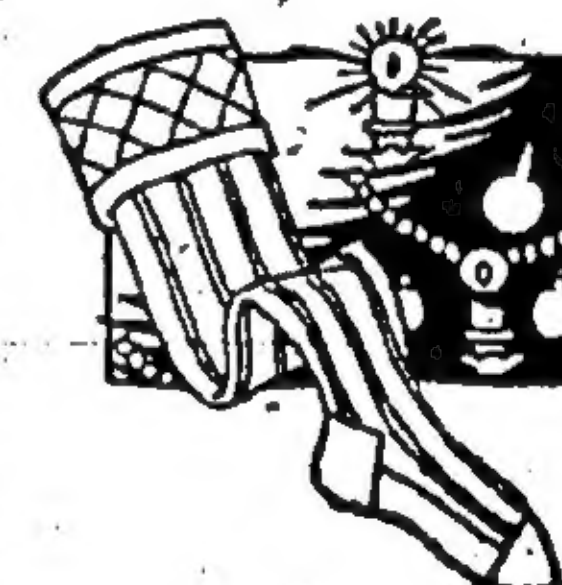
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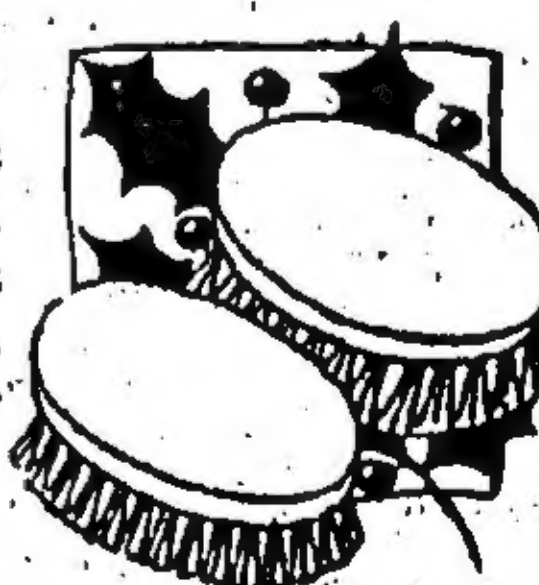


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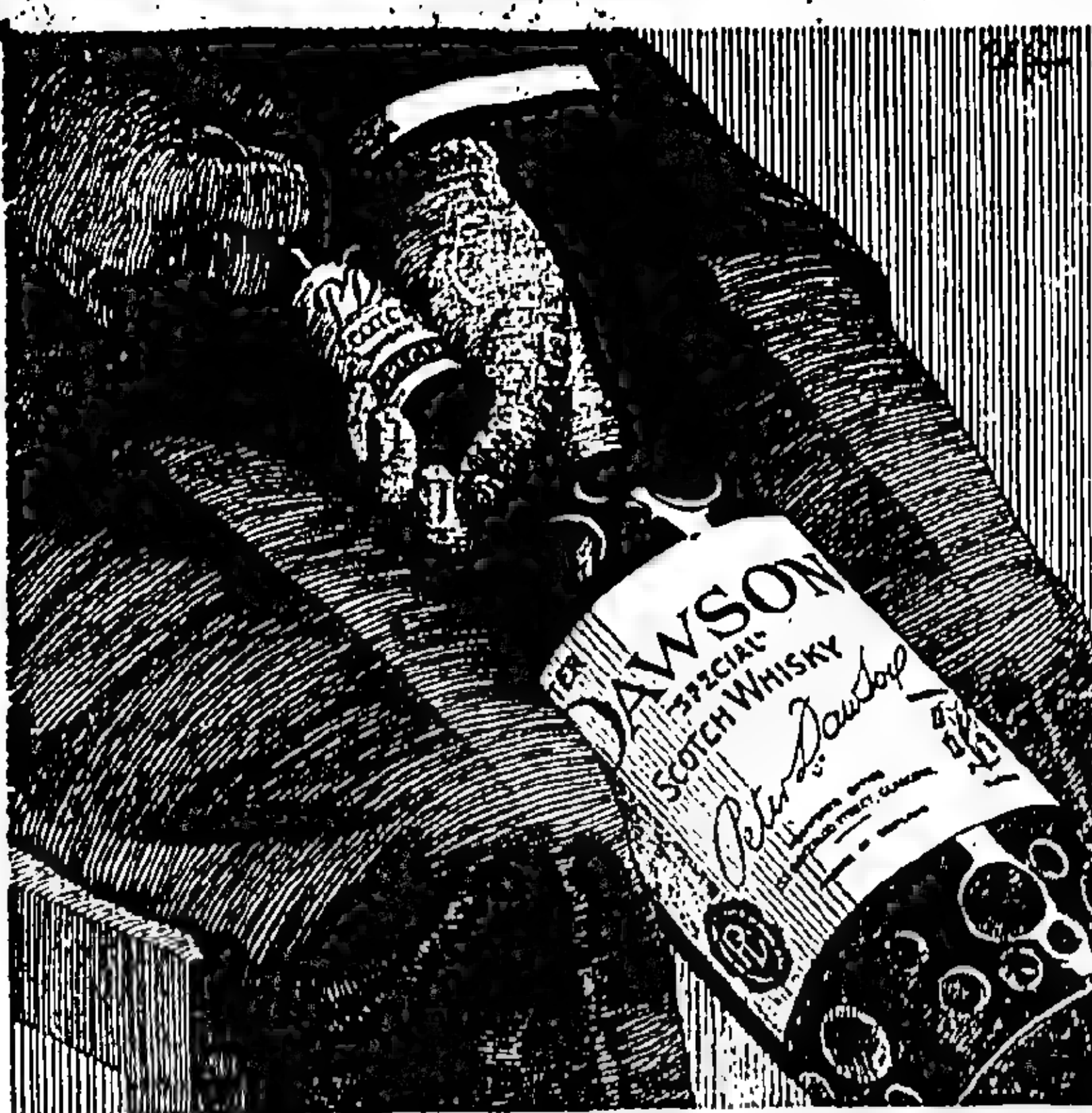
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THE FANLING HUNT.

NAVY FAILS TO NAVIGATE IN FRESH WATER.

Hounds met at Sheung Shui Police Station on Saturday, and the hunt was moved off five minutes after the advertised time.

Hounds were put on in the paddy east of the Police Station, and soon hit off the line. After crossing the stream, a nullah was encountered which gave the field some trouble. Hounds then settled down and ran at a good pace parallel to the police patrol path, over some nice grass and daisied paddy. The field was well strung out, but all were up before Captain Mould took hounds to draw for the second run.

The second run was the best and fastest yet encountered this season, the numerous water courses and drop jumps taking their toll of those who were riding hard to be up with hounds, and right hard did they have to ride. Immediately after putting hounds into cover, Wiseman gave tongue and the pack went away like a flash. The line followed the south bank of the Shum Chun river and the field were able to try their ponies' capabilities over a few grass banks. The patrol path was again crossed. The patrol met their first real obstacle in a tributary of the Shum Chun river with alarmingly precipitous banks.

Hounds threw up for a moment, which made it possible for the field to cross before the pace became too hot.

From this moment, hounds literally streaked across a country almost entirely grass. Intersected with numerous water courses. These streams were not in themselves either wide or deep, but the marshy edges made many nervous as to whether they would arrive home with dry clothes.

Commander Lambert, one of the keenest riders to hounds and a continuous supporter of the hunt, here struck trouble. A knife-edged bank which had been the two previous riders proved insufficiently strong for the Commander's mount, which was precipitated to the bottom of a ten foot drop. A fortunately placed stream at the base of this minor precipice prevented the horse from falling, and with a little diligent snuffing for the reins with his crop and the help of Mr. Stanton, the Commander was able to recover his mount and finish the hunt dry shod—a neat piece of work.

This mishap had been viewed by the secretary who had been seeing the country from the neighbourhood of his horse's ears, where he had been placed by a big drop jump.

Hounds meant to have been running a broad high scent at a tremendous pace; in fact, Captain Herbage, who had laid the line with his usual skill, was nearly caught and pulled down in the open. Wiseman, the leading hound, was only a few yards behind when the drag was lifted and Captain Herbage was enabled to make a "get away." We understand he is applying for a leather seated pair of breeches before the next run.

So ended a great gallop, with the majority of the field up, the Welsh cobs showing their aptitude for the country. The sultry day must have been hard on both horses and hounds—the latter hunted the line extremely well, only Gaylad and Ranger being too slow to keep up.

A small field of sixteen were out, including Major Hewson and the Hon. Mrs. Hewson, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Brownrigg, with a damaged knee, had only come out for a week, but found the temptation of a fast run too great. The Master is unfortunately still in the doctor's hands, and may not be out for some little time yet.

Two-and-a-half couple of hounds arrived from England this week and will be hunting by the first week in January. Wednesday's meet is at Fanling Station.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TEAMS TO REPRESENT ENGLAND AND THE REST.

On Saturday, December 27th, a team representing England will play The Rest on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. Teams as under:

England.—J. P. Whitham (Club); G. P. Lammert (Club); Mid. Parker (Navy); G. A. L. Plummer (Club); Lt. Barlow (Army); M. W. Turner (Club); J. W. King (Club); D. L. Milne Day (Club); W. F. Peers (Club); Surg. Lt. Nicolson (Navy); E. R. West (Club); F. R. Burch (Club); Sub. Lt. Edwards (Navy); E. A. Wilkinson (Navy); B. P. Massey (Club) Capt.

Reserves.—Cook Pascoe (Navy); E. E. Buttress (Club); Lt. Napier (Navy).

Colours.—Red and white jerseys, blue shorts.

The Rest.—I. Corp. Frankham (Army); Lt. Galletley (Army); (Capt.) Lt. Hamilton (Army); G. R. More (Club); J. J. Ferguson (Club); Mid. Roberts (Navy); Lt. Hewitt (Navy); Lt. Robertson (Navy); L. Corp. Trant (Army); W. F. Leckie (Club); Pte. Gilmore (Army); Sergt. Vowler (Army); E. B. Gamwell (Club); J. R. Younger (Club); Capt. McKellar (Army).

Reserves.—W. Hartley (Club); Lt. Graham (Army); Drummer Jones (Army); W. D. Johnson (Club); Lt. Keith Murray (Army) their jerseys, white shorts.

Referee.—Capt. Lockner M.C. All jerseys to be obtained at the ground.

AMERICAN GOLFERS COMING.

OFFER TO PLAY AT FANLING ACCEPTED.

An acceptance has been received from Melhorn and Cruickshank of the offer made by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for an exhibition match here, when the two Americans visit the Colony after their tour of Japan and North China. They will, therefore, appear on the local links in the middle of January next.

The Americans at first asked for gate money of \$3 gold with a guarantee of \$500 gold but the Royal Hongkong Golf Club offered gross receipts of a \$5 Mex. gate for an eighteen hole match to be played on the afternoon of January 14.

These terms have now been accepted, a cable to this effect being received by the Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club from Melhorn now in Tokyo. The pair will receive the gross proceeds of a \$5 (Mex.) gate, without any guarantee.

Bogey Pool.

In the Bogey pool played at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday last C. B. Dunnitt (10) won, five up. Other scores were R. A. Campbell (11) four up, S. J. H. Fox (9) two up, D. Lyon (18) and Com. J. M. Porter (12) one up and H. G. Hegarty (10), J. MacKnight (12) and Capt. W. Davidson (14) all square. There were 57 cards taken out.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEST TEAM.

SELECTION FOR FORTH-COMING CRICKET TRIAL.

Johannesburg, Dec. 22. The South African Test team for December 24 is:

Napen (Transvaal) captain, Xenophon Balesina (Griqualand West), Cameron (Western Province), Calverly, S. Curnow, McMillan, and Mitchell (all Transvaal), Siedle (Natal), Taylor and Vincent (Transvaal).

The eleventh man is being selected to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

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TUNGKU CAPTURED FROM "REDS."

FIRST FRUITS OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN.

Nanking, Dec. 22.
The first important result of the anti-Communist campaign headed by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is indicated in official despatches stating that Government forces on December 19 captured the city of Tungku, in South Kiangsi, which for the past two years had been an impregnable stronghold of the notorious Europe-educated "Red" leader, Chu Teh.

Government forces heavily attacked Tungku on December 17, occupying the city after two days' hard fighting, in which 2,000 Communist defenders were killed.

The Government forces, whose losses were comparatively very small, razed to the ground the headquarters of the "Soviet Government" and other Communist organs, and released five hundred captives who had been held as hostages by the "Reds."

The Communists fled southwards, pursued by Government bombing planes.—*Reuter*.

FRENCHMAN SHOT.

DASTARDLY CRIME IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
M. N. Tchaplina, a French naturalised subject, a foreman in the employ of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, has been murdered by Chinese gunmen.

M. Tchaplina was leaving the Conservancy workshops at Woonung to return to Shanghai when several Chinese rushed up to him in the darkness and fired at him point blank, fatally wounding him.

The motive for the dastardly attack is not known. M. Tchaplina is the second foreigner in the service of the Conservancy Board to be murdered this year. Mr. J. R. Harder being killed at the time the Conservancy launch was pirated in the Whangpoo river on May 30. M. Tchaplina was thirty years of age and single.—*Reuter*.

INVASION FEARED.

LAPSE OF SAFEGUARDING DUTIES EFFECTIVE.

London, Dec. 22.
The practical effect of the Government's anti-protectionist policy comes into force to-day by the lapsing of the safeguarding duties on gloves, cutlery, razor blades and mantles.

Protectionist newspapers predict that ships laden with these articles will descend on British ports in a few days.—*Reuter*.

JAVA EXTREMISTS.

HEAVY SENTENCES PASSED ON FOUR MEN.

Batavia, Dec. 22.
Four leaders of a native extremist association arrested a year ago, and charged with aiming at a revolution and inciting the people against the Government have been sentenced after seven weeks' trial to imprisonment ranging from 16 to 48 months.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH GUNBOATS' REPLY TO FIRE.

MENACE TO YANGTZE SHIPS EFFECTIVELY ENDED.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.
The menace to Yangtze steamers of artillery fire from Temple Hill, in the Middle Yangtze, is believed to have been effectively removed as a result of action by the British gunboat Ladybird.

For a considerable time all ships travelling between Hankow and Ichang have been subjected to fire from the river banks, it being particularly bad at Temple Hill, 60 miles down-river from Shanghai, where guns had been mounted by bandits.

Some miles either side of Temple Hill the river banks have been carrying huge sign boards bearing all kinds of Communist slogans and propaganda, indicating in whose hands this section of the country has been.

Yesterday the guns on Temple Hill fired upon Ladybird. Passengers in a passing steamer state that as their vessel rounded the bend of the river near the Hill, Ladybird was hotly returning the fire and continued to do so until the battery on the hill was silenced.

When the steamer passed under the hill, all firing had ceased. The bandits had deserted their battery, the guns having been overturned and damaged by the gunboat and the walls about the battery demolished.

There were no casualties on board the gunboat.

YEN LEAVES CHINA.

AFTER POSTPONEMENT OF TWO YEARS.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.
After a postponement of two years during which more than 100 telegrams had been sent from North China reporting his departure for abroad, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Commander of the Northern rebellion, boarded a Japanese vessel for Dalren to-day to sail for Japan.

Japanese police at the Japanese settlement co-operated with the Manchurian special detectives in rendering protection to the ex-Shansi governor and his family. At the wharf Marshal Yen chatted freely with his Shansi friends and military officers before sailing.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.
Quietly and unostentatiously, Yen Hsi-shan left for Dalren this morning on the s.s. Wuchang Maru. He will spend the winter there.—*Reuter*.

NO COAL STOPPAGE.

TEMPORARY SPREADOVER AGREED UPON.

London, Dec. 22.
The threat of a coal stoppage has been removed, at least for several months, by a meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire miners' delegates (who hold the key position) accepting the National Coal Board's plan of a temporary spreadover.—*Reuter*.

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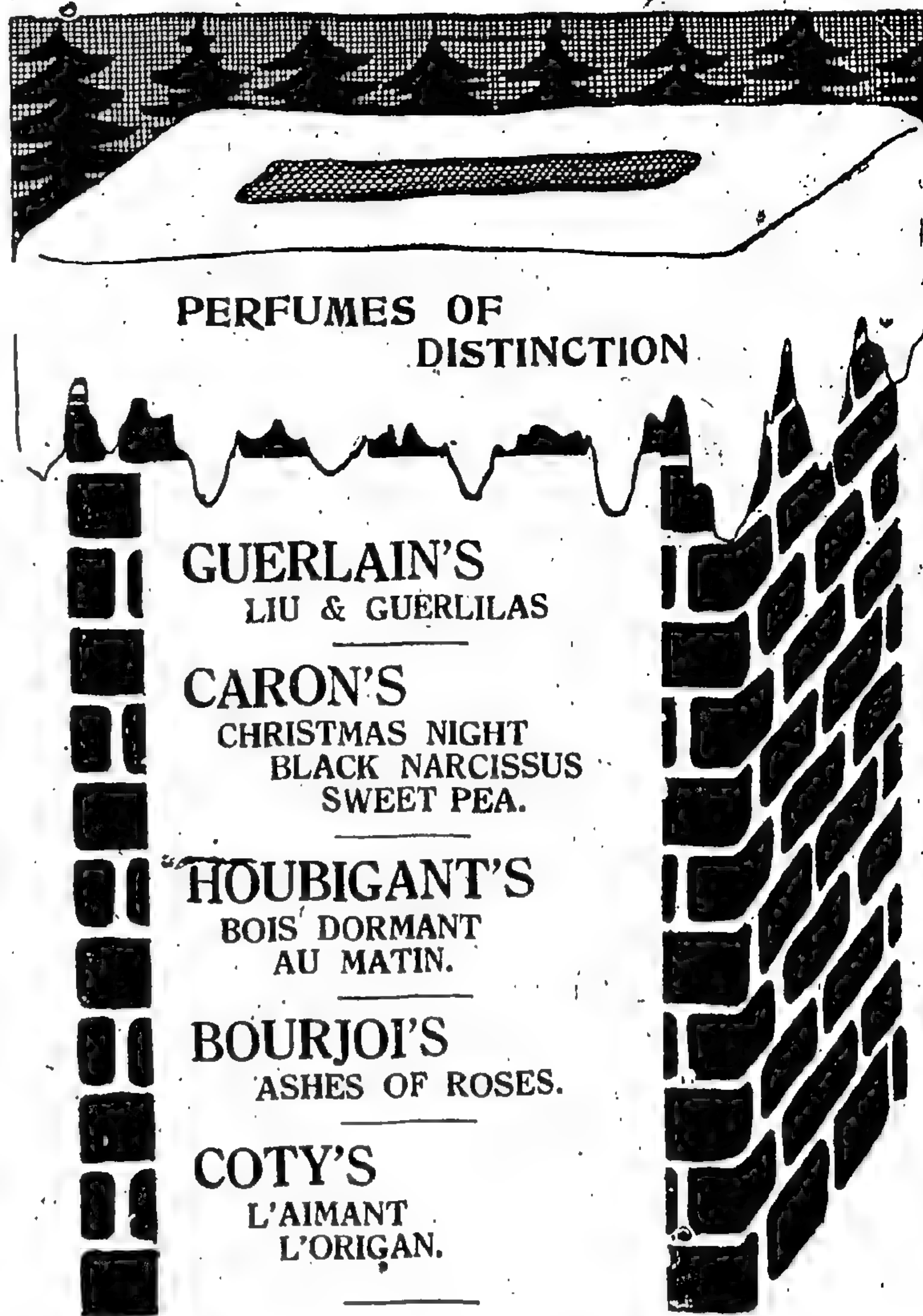
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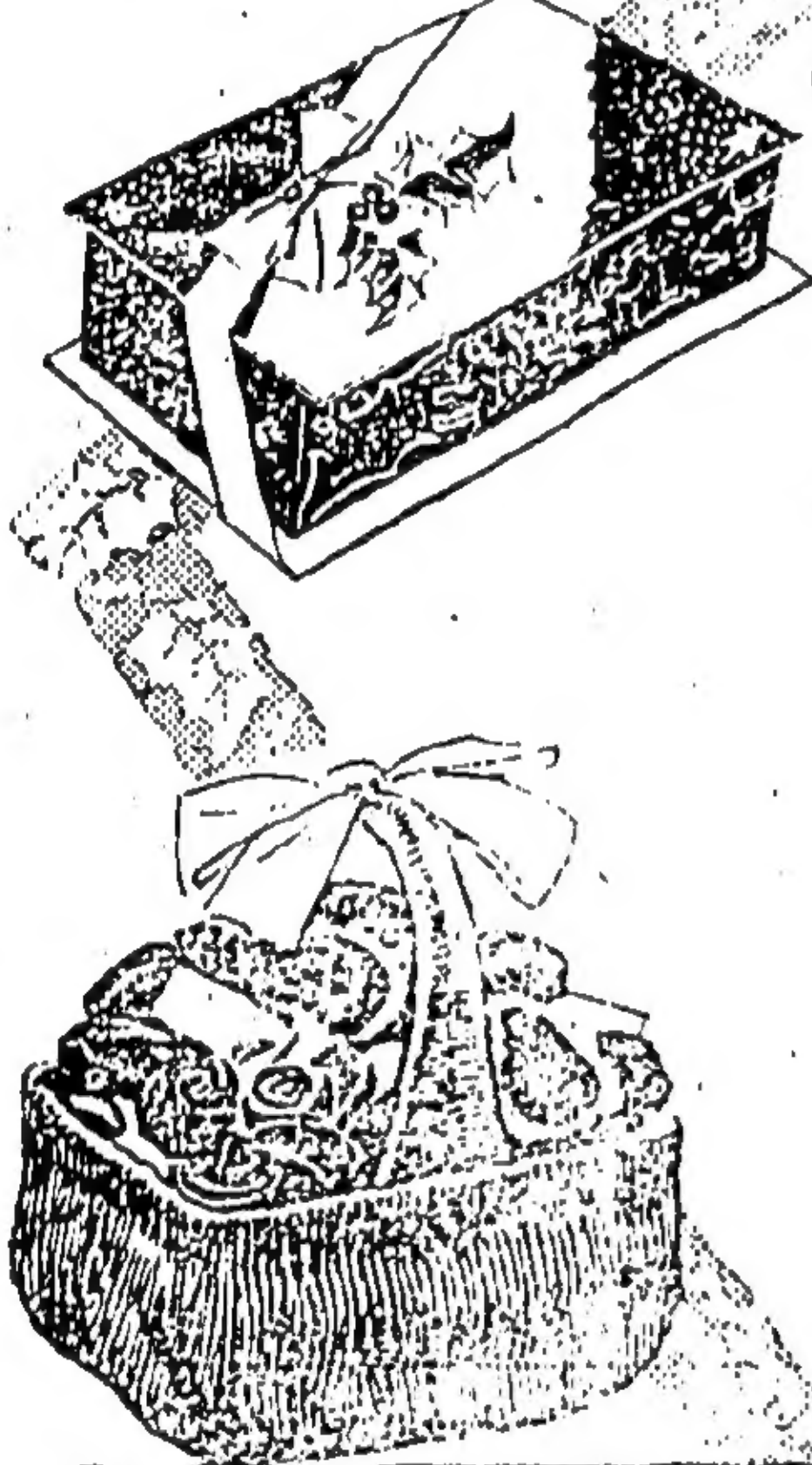
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CHAPTER LI.

A knock on the door awakened Celia next morning. It was Rose with a breakfast tray. Celia sat up in bed, rubbing her eyes. "Is it late?" she asked.

"Ten o'clock. Mrs. Parsons went out half an hour ago. She said not to disturb you until this time. Will you have your tray now?" "Yes. I'd no idea I had slept so long!"

Rose arranged the shades so that the yellow sunlight filled into the room. She placed the dainty breakfast tray before Celia and poured the coffee. Its aroma aroused the girl's appetite.

Celia considered the day before her as she ate. It was difficult to believe that she had ever been away. She was a little ashamed now of her flight. Still, she had discovered her mother's absence; and that was important.

First of all, Celia decided, she must telephone to Barney. She did it immediately after she had finished breakfast, not even waiting to dress. She gave the number of his club and sat impatient until she heard the operator's voice.

"I'll see if Mr. Shields is in," the operator answered.

"There was a clicking sound, a pause, and then Barney Shields' deep voice came over the wire crisply.

"Hello! This is Shields speaking."

"Good morning," Celia replied. "I'm glad I caught you, Barney. This is Celia."

"Oh—how do you do!" His tone was instantly chilled.

"I called because I want to see you," Celia went on. "I tried to reach you the other evening, but you were out. Barney, I'm terribly sorry about what happened the other day. Father really didn't mean to be rude."

"Don't think of it! It doesn't matter in the least."

"But it does to me. I felt dreadfully! When am I going to see you, Barney?"

"There was a moment's pause. Then the young man said: 'I'm sorry, but I'm going to be very busy the next few days.' His voice was politely personal. 'I'm afraid I'd better not make any engagements.'"

"You mean you're working?" "Well, yes. I'm going to be pretty well tied up."

Celia could hardly believe her ears, "but, Barney," she exclaimed, "surely you could find time to come over for just a little while. Or I'll meet you. Anywhere you say." She spoke rapidly and eagerly.

"Sorry, but I'm afraid I couldn't make it."

It was Celia who paused this time. "Oh," she said, then slowly, "Oh, I see. Well—I'm sorry to have troubled you! I won't take any more of your time. Goodbye."

As she put down the telephone her head sank to the table pilloved on one arm. Her shoulders quivered but there was no sound of weeping. For a long while the girl did not look up. At last she raised her head. There were tear drops on each cheek. Celia brushed them aside and cleared her throat. She glanced down and noticed that she was still wearing her filmy nightgown.

Wearily she arose and went to the bathroom for her shower. The cold water improved her spirits. She dabbed with cosmetics, found some cool, fresh smelling toilet water that was agreeable on her arms and throat.

By the time Celia had finished dressing she had convinced herself that the coldness she had thought she heard in Barney's voice was entirely imaginary. No doubt he was busy. Barney was so taken up with his work. She told herself that in a day or two she would hear from him.

Evelyn Parsons arrived half an hour before luncheon. She had had an appointment with her lawyers, she said. Evelyn was cheerful and Celia's mood improved.

They were still at the table when there was a ring at the doorbell. The maid answered and in a few moments they heard a gay, shrill voice.

"Lisi!" exclaimed Celia. "Herself in person—not a talking picture!" Lisi Duncan, announced as she appeared in the doorway, "and how are all the dear little listeners today? Greetings, my children!"

"Do sit down, Lisi. Have you had lunch?" Evelyn waved her to a chair.

she would need to make. She started for her room.

"Don't primp!" Lisi called after her. "We ought to start in 20 minutes!"

Before that time Celia was back again wearing a blue afternoon dress and blue hat. Evelyn said goodbye and the girls departed.

"Dicky got me the tickets," Lisi explained as they entered the elevator car. "They're sold out weeks ahead at the box office but one of Dicky's best friends is in the company."

Dicky himself, it developed, was out of town on a brief, preliminary tour before his new play opened in New York. Lisi did not seem to be much concerned. She had met a young aviator and was trying to devise means to enroll in ground school without her family's knowledge. As soon as she had finished that, she said, the aviator would teach her to fly a plane.

The girls decided to walk cross town. Lisi as usual kept up a ready fire of conversation. Once when she was in the midst of a paean of praise directed at the flyer she put a hand on Celia's arm.

"Sometimes it worries me," she confided seriously. "Tell me, Celia, you don't think I could be fickle, do you?"

The other girl smiled and shook her head.

"I don't think you've had a chance to find out yet," she said. "You don't really care much about any of the men you know. You're just thrilled over doing anything your long-suffering relatives wouldn't approve of."

"Celia! But you don't understand. I tell you I'm simply mad about Douglas!"

There was more of the same sort and then they reached the theatre. The curtain was up and a group of girls in short orange and green costumes were singing the opening chorus. The seats to which Celia and Lisi were rushed were on the one side. They could see only a part of the stage but every seat around them was taken.

A comedian appeared and then there was a tuneful duet between the heroine and the leading man. "Rainbow's End" proved to be the familiar musical comedy formula with excellent dancing and a few melodious songs. The leading actress was a popular favourite and received repeated encores. To Celia, whose theatre-going had been limited, the matinee was a glamorous affair.

They left the theatre with with strains of the finale, a lilting waltz, ringing in their ears. The orchestra was still playing the tune.

"It was lovely!" Celia said enthusiastically. "I like it best of all the new plays I've seen!"

Lisi was inclined to qualify her praise. They made their way through the pushing crowd to Broadway. There they turned and had almost reached Forty-third street when Lisi stopped.

"Look!" she cried. "There's Tod Jordan!"

Celia followed the other girl's glance. Jordan saw them at the same time and came toward them. "This is luck," he said. "Just the company I would have chosen with the whole town to pick from! What do you say we drop in some place for a little nourishment?"

Celia sought for an excuse but could find none. She had not seen Jordan for five days though she knew he had called Evelyn's apartment several times. She had not seen him since she had discovered Barney Shields was the man she loved.

Jordan's eyes were on Celia but it was Lisi who answered promptly: "Of course we will. Love to! I'm actually pining for the cup that cheers—with about a dozen caviar sandwiches on the side!"

There was nothing for Celia to do but agree. Jordan signalled a cab and they rode to a fashionable hotel. Lisi chattered about the musical comedy and even volunteered to impersonate the leading lady. Celia, trying not to appear nervous, encouraged her. Two thoughts preyed on her mind. She was afraid they might encounter her father and she was equally anxious to avoid being left alone with Jordan. She tried to keep from looking at him but she knew Jordan was watching her.

When she did glance toward him Celia saw something in the man's eyes that made her cheeks flush. If Lisi should rush away from them, as in her madcap manner, she was quite likely to do. Celia knew she would have to tell Jordan that her feeling toward him had changed.

They entered the hotel and crossed the lobby to the dining room. Groups of men and women sat at tables. There were girls who were beautiful and others who were plain. Boys making the most of a brief vacation from college. A few older men. Elaborately dressed women sitting in twos and threes.



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A plea of *autrefois acquit* succeeded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when the jury found against the Crown in connexion with the case in which Kwok Chun-shing, late manager of the Health Service Intelligence Bureau, was charged with uttering a voucher, purporting to be signed by T. K. Leung for \$520 on May 17, this year, knowing the same to be forged. The jury returned their verdict unanimously after brief retirement and, in consequence, accused was immediately discharged. Mr. Justice Wood expressed his agreement with the verdict.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, was for the defence.

The complainant was Siow Chung-ling, owner of the Health Service Intelligence Bureau. Mr. M. G. Marriott was foreman of the following jury: Messrs. Leo Lung, J. E. Hansen, Fung Kuei-leung, Wan Wai-yin, H. Spicer and A. F. Assis.

Address to Jury.

Mr. D'Almada, in addressing the jury, pleaded that Mr. Grantham could have convicted the defendant on the charge of uttering the voucher. He would remind them that it was necessary for them to be satisfied, either that he could do so, or else the offences were so much the same in substance that his plea was good. He would also submit that charge 6 and the present charge were so much alike and were so much of the same substance, that an acquittal on the one charge must necessarily mean an acquittal on the other. The only possible way he could show the two charges to be the same in substance was to

analyse them, and show that the essential ingredients were the same.

The essential ingredients of the first charge were intent to defraud and forgery or knowledge of forgery. The essential ingredients of the present charge were identical to these. If one was going to utter, one must know that the document was forged. The only difference, if such it might be called, was, in the one case the man was charged with "making" on April 9, and on the other with "uttering" the same document on May 17. It was the same sum, same name involved, same money. He submitted that knowledge of forgery and intent to defraud were the essential ingredients and an acquittal on the one must mean an acquittal on the other.

He further submitted for his Lordship's consideration that charge 6 made under the Larceny Ordinance, might well have been made under the Forgery Ordinance. The two questions the jury had to decide were whether the man could have been convicted on the present offence before Mr. Grantham, and whether the charges were, or were not, substantially the same.

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Mr. Somerset Fitzroy for the prosecution submitted that the whole crux of the question was whether the man was ever placed in jeopardy. He submitted that he never was; that the Magistrate could not have convicted the defendant for uttering a forged document on May 17, on a charge of stealing on April 9. The man was never in jeopardy until each charge had been preferred.

His Lordship suggested that after April 9, the defendant was not pursuing an intention of fraud as, if the Crown facts were correct, the fraud had already been committed. He may have been throwing dust in the eyes of his employer, but the intention to defraud had elapsed.

Mr. Fitzroy said he entirely disagreed, and that the man could

have spent the interim to turn himself into an honest man—(laughter).

Accused Discharged.

After Mr. D'Almada had replied and his Lordship had summed up, the jury, after a brief retirement, announced that they unanimously found against the Crown. Accused was, accordingly, discharged.

After remarking that he agreed with the jury's verdict, his Lordship said that before he adjourned the Court he wished to say that the advice he gave to the jury in the matter in no way varied with the opinion of the Full Court, expressed in previous proceedings.

The Sessions were adjourned until next Monday morning.

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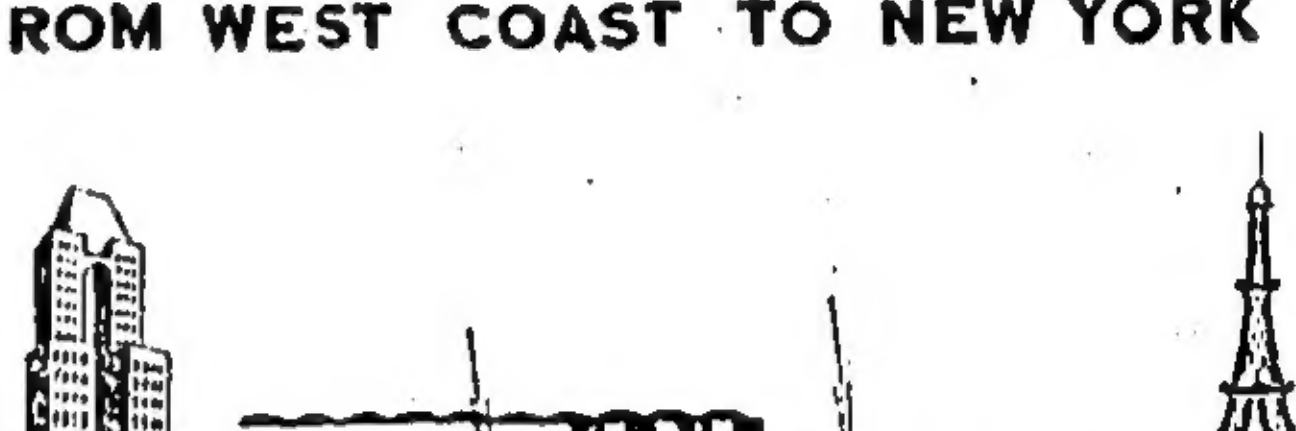
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RESULTS OF LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

MATRICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL.

The Registrar of the University of Hongkong yesterday afternoon issued the following results of the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations held in November:

Matriculations Honours.
No. 16 Douglas Hunt, Queen's College, (Dist. Maths: Higher Maths: Mechanics).

No. 60 Kong Sau Yui, King's College, (Dist. Maths: Physics).

No. 104 Francis Lam, Thiam Shu, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. English, Higher Maths: Mechanics).

No. 107 Poon, Ralph Allum, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. Mechanics).

No. 108 Jorge Augusto Remedios, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. Mechanics).

No. 109 Germano Antonio Vileir, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. Mechanics).

No. 115 Lucian Aloysius Tjien, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. English, Dutch, Physics).

No. 116 Peter Augustus Tran-ba-tu, St. Joseph's College, (Dist. English, Maths, French, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanics).

No. 246 Barbara Rudden, Central British School, (Dist. English).

No. 249 Mary Cheung, Italian Convent, (Dist. English, Biblical Knowledge).

Matriculation Pass List.
Queen's College—40 candidates entered, 5 absent, 10 passed, No. 4 Chan Shiu Chui, No. 6 Chgw Nai Chung, No. 18 Lau Shui Lun, No. 19 Lee Ching Lu, No. 22 Li Ka Tit, No. 28 Man Chong Sung, No. 30 O Yu Sheung, No. 35 Wat Kang Lim, No. 40 Yau Ka Yim, (Distinction, Maths).

King's College—26 candidates entered, 7 passed, No. 45 Fletcher,

Boy Peter Chan, (Dist. English), No. 62 Lau Hon Hing, (Dist. Mechanics), No. 63 Lau Shau Chouk, No. 68 So Hung Ki, No. 63 Wai Po Kam, (Dist. Maths), No. 65 Wong Kam Cheung.

Wah Yan College—26 entered, 2 absent, 6 passed, No. 70 Cheng Man Chiu, No. 80 Li Kwan Tak, No. 81 Li Yiu Bor, No. 85 Sum Yu Lam, (Dist. Maths), No. 88 Tsing Wen Yuen, No. 91 Woo Tien Kit.

St. Joseph's College—25 entered, 2 absent, 18 passed, No. 94 Asome, Hugh Gregory (Dist. Higher Maths), No. 95 Cantro, Gregorio Samson, No. 97 Go Tiang Hui, No. 98 Guterres, Jose Alberto, No. 100 Lenz, George (Jr.) (Dist. Maths, Mechanics), No. 101 Leung Wing Hon, Leo, No. 102 Leung Lum Kwan, (Dist. Mechanics), No. 103 Leung Wing Hong, Thomas, (Dist. Mechanics), No. 110 Ribeiro, Luis Felipe Vieira, No. 112 Rozario, Francisco Xavier, (Dist. Mechanics), No. 113 Silva, Alberto Carlos Molan-coda, No. 117 Xavier, Carlos Maria (Dist. History).

St. Stephen's College—19 entered, 8 passed, No. 120 Chang Young Hin, No. 121 Cheng Yu Chyo, No. 122 Chong Yu Hui, No. 132 Chong Yum Ting, No. 128 Lo Kwang Mia, No. 134 Wong Ching Kuen, No. 135 Wong Cho Tong, No. 138 Wong Hong.

Diocesan School (Boys)—15 entered, 1 absent, 8 passed, No. 138 Broadbridge, Norman, No. 140 Goh Phuan Hong, No. 143 Kan Po Chi, No. 146 Kan Yuet Kung, No. 147 Kwan Hok Lam, No. 153 Zimmerman, Francis Richard.

St. Paul's College—11 entered, 2 passed, No. 171 Pok Shuen Fui, No. 177 Yeung Shu Hee.

Tai Tung College—4 entered, 1 passed, No. 188 Loong Shiu Kee, To Man Wai School—1 entered, 1 passed, No. 191 Siu Chun Sing.

Private Study—5 entered, 7 absent, 5 passed, No. 204 Kwong Sham Kok (Sat and Passed Chinese Only), No. 211 Li Hin Lung, No. 225 Wong Kok Fuan, No. 227 Yang Ke

(sat and passed English only), No. 442 Thong Yook Ngauwan, Bollos Public School—14 entered, 3 passed, No. 234 Leo Yung Yark, (Dist. English), No. 236 Luk King Yuen, No. 241 Tam Mo Wun.

Central British School (Girls)—5 entered, 1 passed, (See Honours List).

Italian Convent—3 entered, 1 passed, (See Honours List).

Ying Wa Girls School—2 entered, 2 passed, No. 257 Kwok Wing Wah, No. 268 Leung Tai'ul Hoh.

St. Stephen's Girls College—2 entered, 1 passed, No. 269 Li Sau Man.

Private Study—No. 262 Kwok-Pul Chee (Sat and Passed English only). Qualified for Senior Local.

The following candidates for Matriculations qualified for the Senior Local Certificate:

Queen's College—No. 17 Ko 'ing Chun, No. 34 Tang Fuk Shing.

King's College—No. 46 Fok Tse Wah, No. 61 Kwok Tai Chiu, No. 67 Ng Shum Shin, No. 69 Walter Sui, No. 80 Sum Sheung Kwong, No. 78 Leung Kwan.

Wah Yan College—No. 90 Woo Chak Yu.

St. Stephen's College—137 Wong Kung Kuen.

St. Paul's College—No. 168 Chan Woon Cheung, No. 169 Chan King Wei.

Tai Tung College—No. 187 Kam Yung Kan.

Private Study—No. 221 Vargassoff Nicolas, No. 238 Woo Poh Yee.

Bollos Public School—No. 231 Cheung Hang Chun, No. 235 Lo May Hing, No. 237 Poon Wai Kun, No. 238 Cecilia Santos, No. 242 Tsang Lai Kwan.

Central British School—No. 244 Mary Stella Bader, No. 247 Vera Kathleen Levkovich.

Italian Convent—250 Pearlina Kwan Nin Hor, No. 251 Amy Leong Hon Wa.

St. Mary's School—No. 252 Edria D'Aquino, No. 253 Helena M. Da Silva, No. 254 Tsang Shuk Shing.

French Convent—No. 255 Elizabeth Johnson, No. 256 Florence Tong.

St. Stephen's Girls School—No. 260 Esther Lyon.

Senior Local Examination, Pass List.

St. Joseph's College—3 entered, 1 passed, No. 271 William Kong (Qualifies for Matriculation).

Mun Sang College—3 entered, 1 passed, No. 293 Chan Ying Ming, (Dist. Mechanics).

St. Paul's College—2 entered, 1 passed, No. 296 Sung Siu Fai.

Private Study—No. 299 Li Kan Tong (Fails Senior Local, Qualifies for Matriculation).

St. Stephen's Girls College—12 entered, 4 passed, No. 303 Chan Yu Fong, No. 309 Li Wan Sun, No. 310 Ruth Ling (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 313 Wen Pui Ying.

Diocesan Girls School—10 entered, 7 passed, No. 316 Marin Alves, No. 317 Rita Edwards, No. 318 Doris Kotevall, No. 319 Doris Lee, No. 321 Ida Ng, No. 322 Virginia Pao, No. 324 Sarah Wong.

Italian Convent—10 entered, 10 passed, No. 325 Minna Abbas, No. 326 Gerty Elizabeth Bowen, No. 327 Olive Chancarratueg (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 328 Mary Irene Chen, No. 329 Maria Theresa Gomes, No. 330 Agnes Leong Suk Ching, No. 331 Evelyn Oakes, No. 332 Ida da Rosa, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 333 Thelma Webster, No. 334 Audrey Francis Winsel.

St. Mary's School—8 entered, 8 passed, No. 335 Ahmina Abdullah, No. 336 Furzeza da Eca (Dist. English, Biblical Knowledge), No. 337 Lucy Jorge, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 338 Koo Kam Yui, No. 339 Joyce Kor, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 340 Jerminia Pereira, No. 341 Aurora Remedios (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), No. 342 Thelma Rozario.

French Convent—9 entered, 1 absent, 4 passed, No. 344 Gladys Grimmit, No. 345 Hamira Ismail, No. 348 Augusta Noronha, No. 350 Joyce Harris Walker.

Central British School—5 entered, 3 passed, No. 354 Austra Miller, No. 355 Iris Lillian Woolley, No. 356 Helen Walker Wylie.

Ying Wa Girls School—4 entered, 2 passed, No. 358 Ko Kam Ping, No. 357 Chan Siu Tsing.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th December, 1930, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 20th December, 1930.

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From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship, "DELAGOA MARU," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 29th December 1930, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 21st December, 1930.

SCOTTISH AUTHOR.

DEATH OF THE WRITER NEIL MUNRO.

London, Dec. 22.

The death has occurred of the author, Neil Munro, *Reuter*.

[Neil Munro, author and journalist, was born in Inverary in 1864. He published "The Lost Pibroch," a series of Celtic tales and sketches, in 1896, and went on to score further successes with his literary work on Scottish, particularly Clydeside, subjects. His latest produced work was "Jaunty Jock," in 1918.]

Sir Perry Robinson.

London, Dec. 22.

The death occurred during the week-end of Sir Perry Robinson, at the age of 71, who was war correspondent for the *Times* and *Daily News* on the Western Front. —*British Wireless*.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Goods not cleared by the 28th December 1930, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 21st December, 1930.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 5th January 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th December 1930, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1930.

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Owing to the steamer stranding on the voyage to Hongkong, a General Average is being declared and Consignees are required to sign the usual General Average Bond and pay the required deposit before delivery can be granted.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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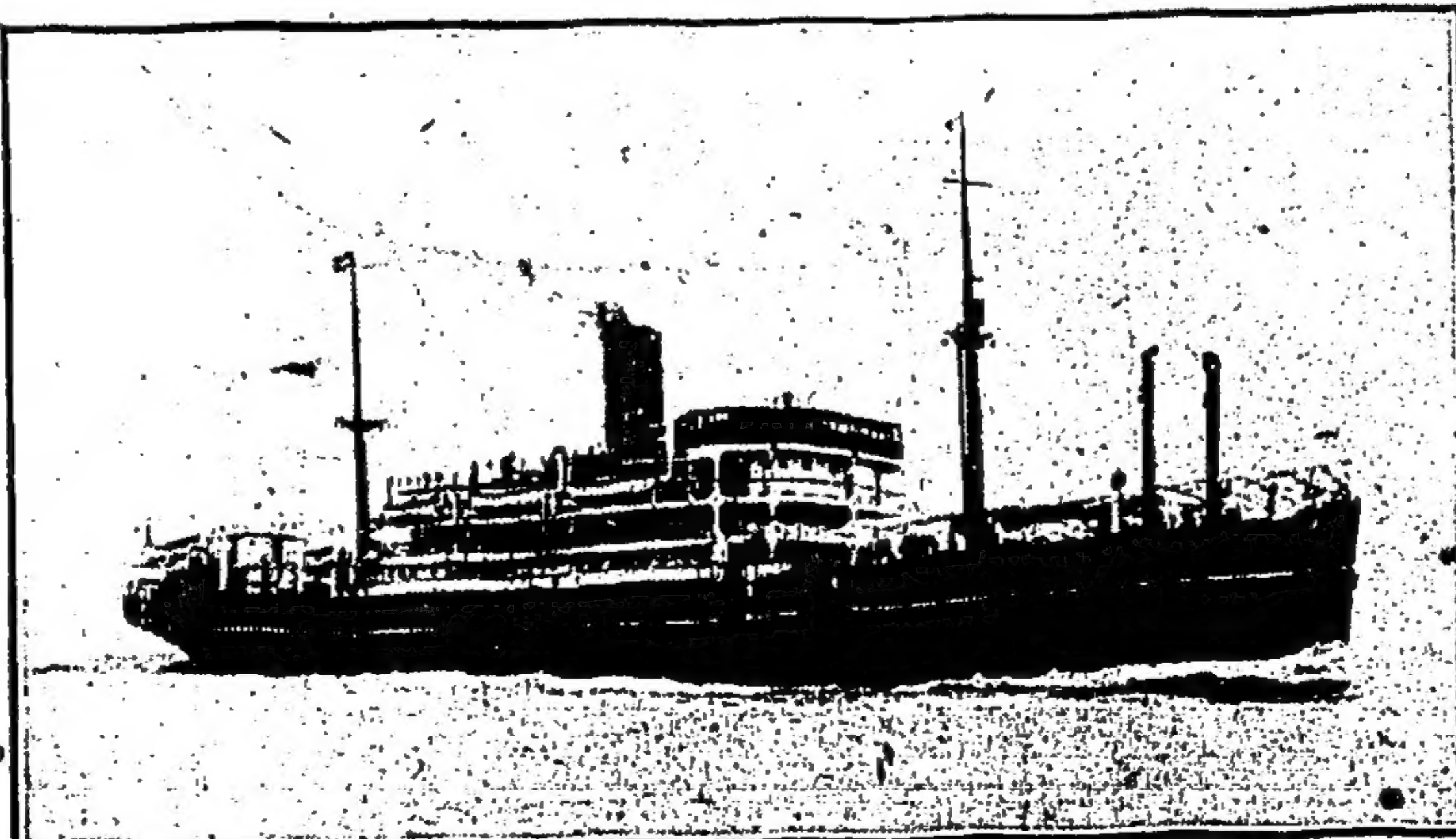
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*MIRZAPUR	6,715	6 Jan. 10 a.m.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, M's & L'don
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COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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PROHIBITION LAW ILLEGAL.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT BY
U.S. JUDGE.

APPEAL LODGED.

Washington, Dec. 16.
Dry organizations were made
apprehensive to-day by the deci-
sion of U. S. District Judge
William Clark in Newark, holding
the 18th amendment unconstitutional,
more from fear of its effect
on enforcement in New Jersey than
from fear it will be sustained in
the circuit court of appeals.

Officials of the Methodist Board
of Temperance and Public Morals
declared they were confident that
the decision would be overturned,
particularly since the United
States supreme court on several
occasions has passed on the
validity of the 18th constitutional
amendment and found it sound.

At the justice department it was
announced the decision will not
affect the status of national pro-
hibition enforcement.

Prohibition sympathizers in
general held the attitude that the
decision would not hold water in
appeal. They declared the
supreme court has always been
liberal on the side of enforcement,
and would not admit error now
after more than a decade of pro-
hibition during which time the
constitutionality of the amend-
ment has been questioned several
times.

Regardless of the general ten-
dency to take the decision lightly,
dry organizations and enforcers
were highly interested in the
possibilities of the case.

The ruling was made when he
granted William Sprague and
William Howey, defendants, a
motion to quash indictments pend-
ing against them charging liquor
sales.

The defendants challenged the
procedure by which the amend-
ment was adopted.

Judge Clark made his ruling in
face of the decision of the United
States supreme court in several
suits brought by Rhode Island,
New Jersey and by various
brewers and distillers.

The court held that the constitu-
tion prescribed the conven-
tion system for proposing amendments
before congressional proposal, and
that therefore the convention
should be used because it reflects
the popular will more accurately.

Newark, Dec. 18.
The decision of Federal Judge
William Clark, holding the
Eighteenth Amendment invalid
was appealed to the supreme
court today by United States Dis-
trict Attorney Foreman. The case
will be placed on the court calen-
dar immediately.

MUCH BETTER THAN REVOLUTIONS.

DRAW FOR BIG SPANISH
LOTTERY.

Madrid, Dec. 22.
The recent revolutions forgotten,
all eyes are now turned on the great
Christmas Lottery Draw, which has
not been hindered as a result of
the declaring of martial law. The
prizes and the lucky numbers in
the draw are as follows:
1st Prize (15,000,000 Pesetas).—
Ticket No. 24630.
2nd Prize (6,000,000 Pesetas).—
Ticket No. 16626.
3rd Prize (3,000,000 Pesetas).—
Ticket No. 21707.
4th Prize (1,000,000 Pesetas).—
Ticket No. 20151.

Barcelona, Dec. 22.
The third prize in the Christmas
Lottery has been won by the
Walters' Association, one winner
winning 18,000 Pesetas.—Reuter.

DUTCH TEA-GROWING RESTRICTIONS.

NO LONGER TO APPLY TO
NATIVE-GROWN.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.
A meeting of the Teagrowers'
Association to-day decided almost
unanimously to continue the
restriction policy in 1931 on the
same lines as in 1930, with the
exception that it will no longer ap-
ply to the purchase of native-grown
tea.

The latter decision was based
upon the fact that that particular
phase of the regulations has
proved impracticable as native-
grown tea has passed through
other channels in defiance of the
regulations.—Reuter.

Later.
The decision means limitation
to 233,000,000 pounds. The Dutch
native tea-crop amounts to about
33,000,000 per annum.—Reuter.

The case against Wong Lok,
charged with kidnapping a four
year old boy from No. 2, Reclama-
tion Street, came up before Mr.
Butters, at Kowloon, yesterday
for judgment. Mr. Butters dis-
charged the defendant.

MANILA PRISON REFORM.

APPOINTMENT OF DIETICIAN
ADVOCATED.

COMPLAINT BOXES.

Manila, Dec. 18.
Many important and valuable
suggestions for the improvement
of the inside administration of
the Bureau of Prisons including treat-
ment to prisoners were made by
the Prisons Survey Board created
by the Secretary of Justice to
investigate officials and employees
of the Prisons Bureau and to re-
commend changes in the method
of penitentiary administration.

Among the most important re-
commendations are the creation of
the position of a technical assis-
tant to the director, establishment
of a separate gaol for the City of
Manila where segregation of
offenders of ordinances and minor
offences must be made from those
serving sentence for grievous
crimes; that prisoners should not
be kept long and indefinitely at
the central penitentiary but
should be removed to agricultural
farms where their labour could be
advantageously utilized, and that
the Secretary of Justice or his
representative should determine
the assignment of prisoners to the
penal farms; that letter boxes
should be provided for inside the
Bilibid prisons and its agencies
for prisoners to put letters of com-
plaint against prison officials and
which the Secretary of Justice or
his representatives alone might
open; that tubercular prisoners be
segregated as well those afflicted
with other serious and contagious
diseases; that a dietitian be
employed to look after the food
and nourishment of prisoners and
that the officials of the Bureau of
Prisons should furnish the Secre-
tary of Justice of the list of
prisoners who are to serve them.

The recommendations include
'don'ts' for prison officials. One
is that prison officials should not
have their furniture made in
Bilibid and that their families
should have no direct or indirect
transactions with the prisoners.

To prevent irregularities in the
sale of products or goods made or
produced by the bureau of prisons,
sale at public auction is required.
Frequent supervision of the
accounts and books of the bureau
is recommended.

The utilization of convict labour
for the construction of highways
and bridges throughout the Philip-
pines and the development of vast
areas of uncultivated land in
Mindanao and Sulu by long-
termers in Bilibid Prisons will be
the first things to be undertaken
by Lieutenant Colonel Paulino
Santos, newly appointed director
of the bureau of prisons, accord-
ing to a statement he issued last
night.

THE ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

MAJESTIES CHEERED ON
LEAVING LONDON.

London, Dec. 22.
Crowds outside Buckingham Pa-
lace and King's Cross Station cheer-
ed Their Majesties the King and
Queen to-day when they set out for
Sandringham, where they are
spending the Christmas with their
family, including the Prince of
Wales, the Duke and Duchess of
York and Prince George.
Princesses Elizabeth and Mar-
garet Rose were already seated in
the Royal train when Their Ma-
jesties arrived. Their Majesties
were most cheerful, and were photo-
graphed at the Station.

The Prince of Wales, who is prac-
tically recovered from the illness
which he contracted last week, will
probably go to Sandringham to-
morrow.—Reuter and British Wire-
less.

ITALY BLAMES AMERICA.

EFFECT OF FINANCIAL
CRASH.

Rome, Dec. 18.
Although gripped by an economic
depression which makes retrench-
ment imperative, Italy can't reduce
military expenditure "while all the
rest of the world talks peace and
feverishly prepares for war." Pre-
mier Mussolini told the Senate to-
day.

The premier blamed Italy's situ-
ation upon the financial crisis in
the United States in October, say-
ing that the crash there left Italy
with a national deficit of \$50,000,-
000.

A report has been made to the
Police by Mr. H. R. Landolt to the
effect that whilst Mr. H. Kew was
riding a motor cycle along Nathan
Road on Sunday he ran into a
Chinese woman and was thrown
off, receiving rather nasty injuries
to his face. Mr. Landolt, who
was riding pillion was unhurt.

CAR AND RICKSHA CRASH.

GAOL PRINTING OFFICER
SUED IN COURT.

NEGLIGENCE POINT.

The sequel to an accident in
Queen's Road Central on the after-
noon of October 18 was heard in the
Summary Court this morning be-
fore Mr. Justice Jackson when Mr.
B. Kawahara, proprietor and
licensee of an eating house at No.
19 Peking Road, Kowloon, sued
Principal Printing Officer A. B.
Diddbury, Victoria Gaol, claiming
\$500 general damages.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for
plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada,
junior, defended.

In opening his case, Mr. Rendall
said the action arose out of a colli-
sion between defendant's car, No.
2807, and a public ricksha, No. 489,
in which plaintiff was a passenger.
Mr. Rendall added that it was not
necessary for him to prove negli-
gence, because defendant had paid
the sum of \$12.50 into Court, this
payment having been made on
December 18. In addition, an ad-
mission was contained in a letter
written by Messrs. D'Almada and
Mason.

Mr. D'Almada said he was not
going to admit negligence, and the
money paid into Court was the
amount due for medical fees.

His Worship asked why the
money was paid into Court if
there was no negligence.

Mr. D'Almada replied that plain-
tiff saw a doctor at the suggestion
of the Inspector on duty at Cen-
tral Police Station, and defendant
thought it was only fair that he
should pay the medical fees.

Mr. Rendall continued that
plaintiff's ricksha was travelling
along Queen's Road from east to
west and when near Seven and
Sixpenny Hill defendant's car
collided with the back of the rick-
sha. Something struck plaintiff
on the back of the neck, dazing
him. When he completely recover-
ed his senses, he found that the
car and ricksha coolie were not
there. He reported the accident
at Central Police Station and saw
Dr. Nicholson who advised that he
should have the soft muscles at
the back of his neck massaged.

Mr. Rendall pointed out that
there was a bill of \$51 from Mr.
Y. Mori for massage, \$2.60 for a
balm, and \$136 for loss of earn-
ings from his injuries. Plaintiff
was the only cook employed at the
eating house. He was unable to
attend to the business, and the
only things that could be supplied
were what his wife could prepare.

After some argument as to whether
defendant's payment into
Court constituted an admission of
negligence, his Lordship said he
was not quite satisfied that it did,
adding that he would consider the
point.

Inspector C. F. Alexander said
that on November 11 he made ar-
rangements for plaintiff and de-
fendant to meet at his office on the
following day to discuss the mat-
ter, at nine o'clock. Plaintiff
turned up on time, but defendant
did not arrive until eleven o'clock,
with the result that the meeting
did not take place.

The case is proceeding.

CHINA PROVINCIAL FINANCE.

NANKING'S ADVICE TO
YUNNAN.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
The Nanking Government has
telegraphed to the Military Gov-
ernor of Yunnan Province, General
Lung Wan, suggesting that the
Yunnanese Provincial Government
should permit the continuation of
the low Customs rates to April,
1931, and should abolish the heavy
import taxation as from this
year.

The Chief Secretary of the
Finance Ministry of the Shan-
tung Provincial Government has
arrived at Nanking to interview
Mr. T. V. Soong concerning
financial affairs in Shantung
where the revenue is expected to
be considerably affected after the
abolition of likin from January
1st.

THE SINO-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS.

CHINESE DELEGATE LEAVING
MOSCOW.

Harbin, Dec. 22.
General Mok To-hui, the chief
Manchurian delegate who has
been attending the Sino-Soviet
conference at Moscow, is under-
stood to be leaving Moscow to-day.
He expects to arrive at Manchou-
ri on the 29th instant and at Harbin
on the following day.
General Mok will visit Mukden
and Nanking concerning the Sino-
Soviet discussions.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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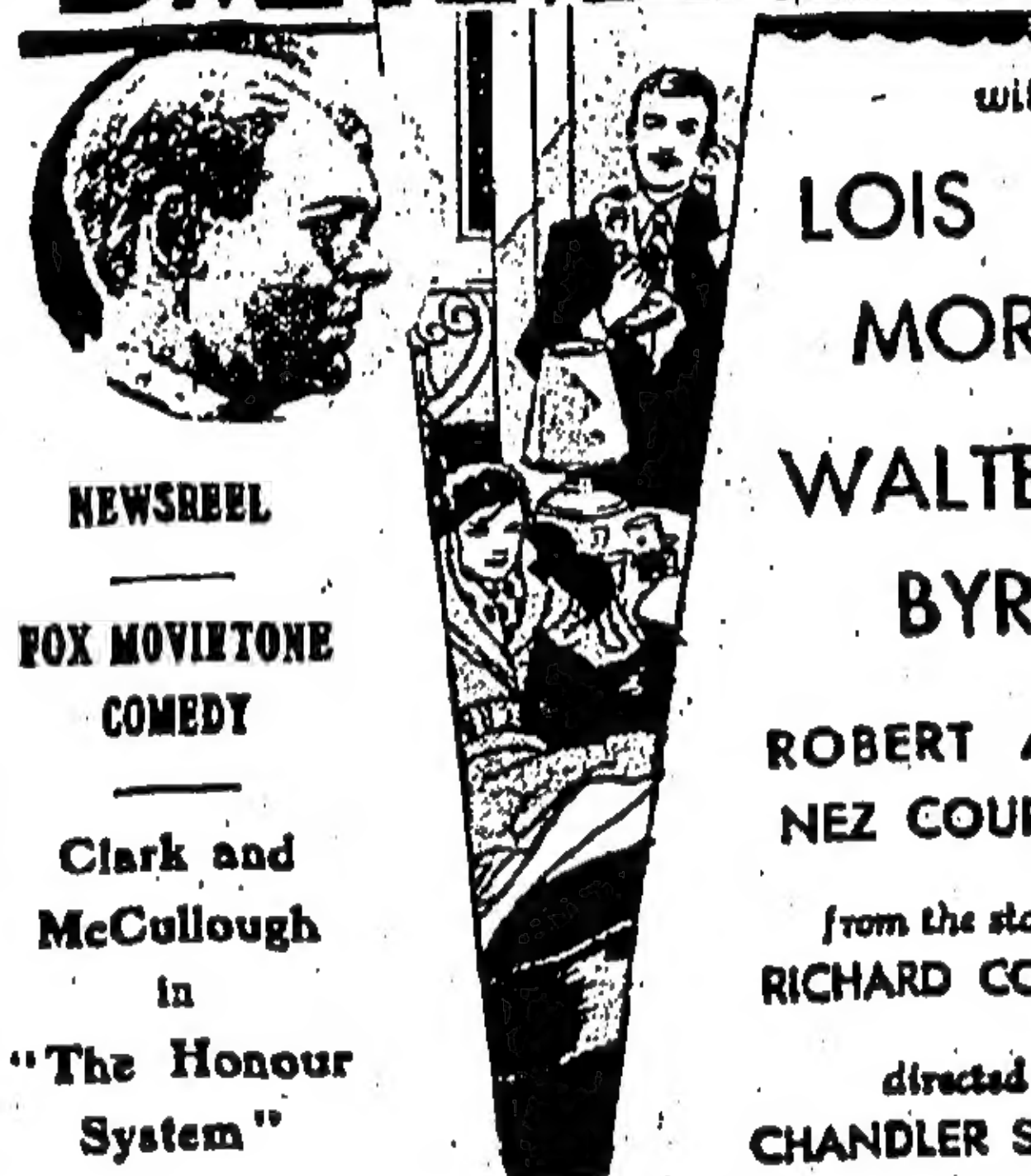


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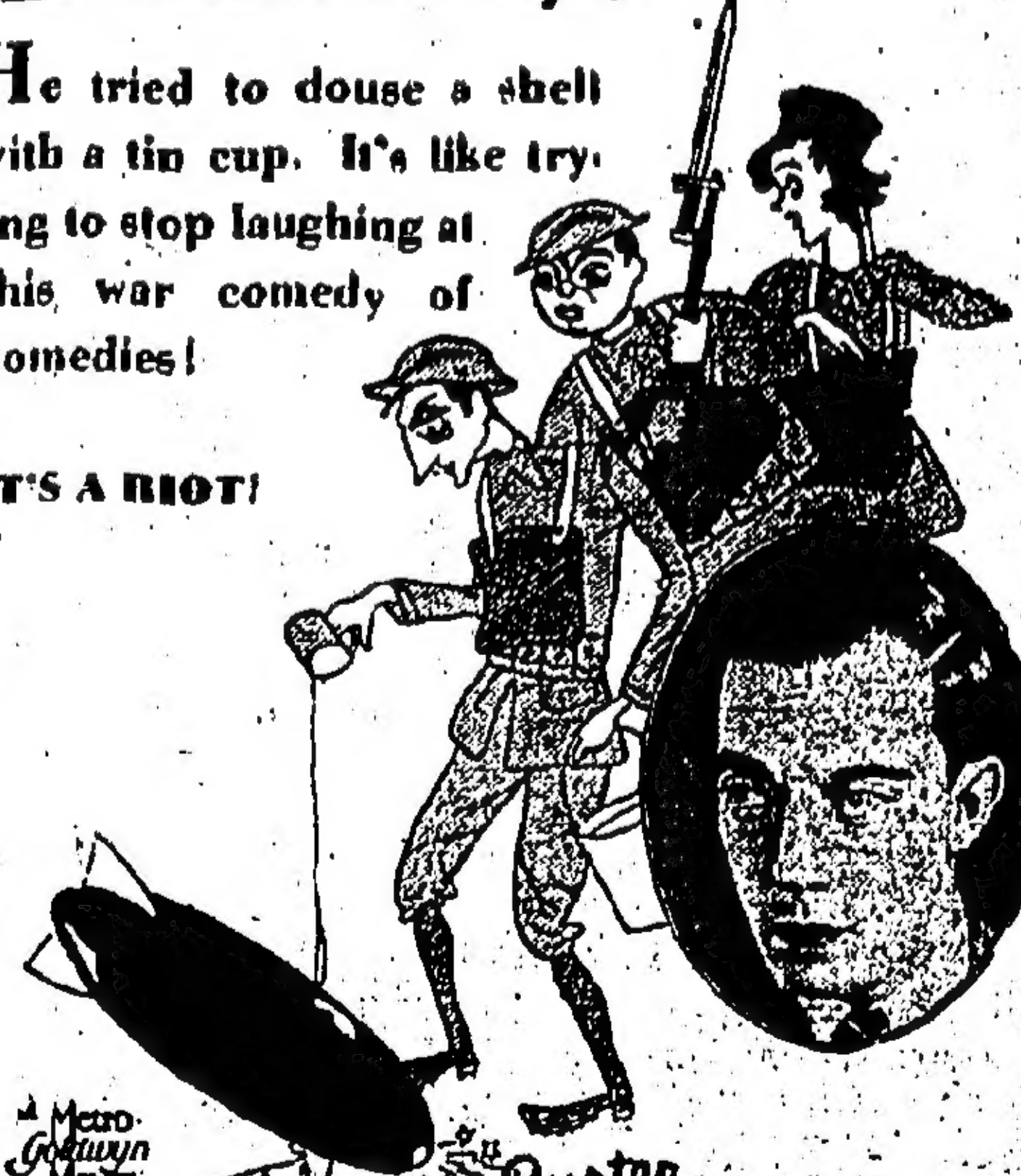
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